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## Portfolio

Yesterday's Portfolio prize of £2,000 was won by Mr John R. M. Frazer of Tanfield, Co Durham. Today's Portfolio list, page 28. How to play, information service, back page.

## IRA linked with Dublin murder

The IRA are thought to be behind the murder of Mr Seamus McEvoy, of Co Tyrone, who was found shot dead in a flat in Dublin yesterday. Mr McEvoy was a building contractor whose company was believed to have carried out building work for the RUC in Ulster.

## Vetting refusal

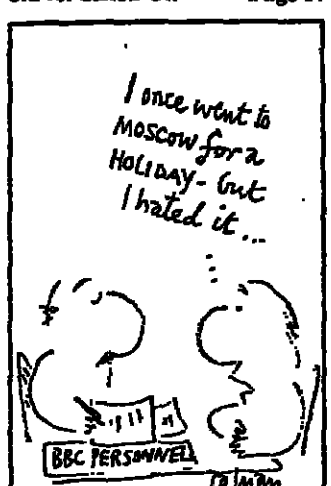
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## New spy clue

Frau Ursula Richter, a secretary being sought on suspicion of spying in West Germany, was infiltrated from Canada with a false identity. Bonn officials said. "Spies' flee, page 8

## Enterprise bid

After a week of uncertainty, Enterprise Oil has made a formal £120.6 million takeover bid for Saxon Oil. Page 17



## Sacking upheld

The dismissal of a woman sales representative who went to live with a man employed by rival spectacle makers was fair, a tribunal ruled. Page 3

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An explosion which injured 13 people, including six Britons, at a seaside hotel near Athens, was caused by a bomb. Page 8

## Cook's tours

Thomas Cook is reviving "the essence of the old Cook's tours" by offering escorted journeys to Canada, India, the Far East and South America. Page 3

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The Great Britain and Ireland Walker Cup golf team have enlisted the help of a doctor as they prepare to play the US at Clementon, New Jersey, today. Page 22

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# Rail chaos threat as guards vote this week

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The railway network could be plunged into confusion within two weeks after the failure of peace talks yesterday to resolve the guards dispute and British Rail's refusal to budge from an increasingly hard-line stance.

The National Union of Railwaymen's executive last night responded to the management's refusal to reinstate 230 guards by bringing forward from next week a ballot calling on all 11,000 guards to take industrial action in opposition to the introduction of one-man trains.

Result of the ballot will be known next Tuesday and a campaign of guerrilla industrial action, including lightning strikes, an overtime ban and other selective action could be started within a matter of days if the union wins a majority in the ballot.

The ballot forms are with the branches and voting will take place on Friday, a week earlier than originally planned. The management told officials of the union that it would only "consider" reinstatement of the guards who have been dismissed in Glasgow and South Wales if the union agreed to immediate introduction of driver-only operations and gave a commitment to future productivity talks "on any subject which we thought appropriate".

As British Rail was setting out its tough negotiating position to the union, it was issuing suspension notices to more than 40 guards at the militant King's Cross depot in London for refusing to work trains adapted for one-man operations. Guards' leaders said they would not "fall into the trap" of calling strike action but services to

north Hertfordshire were seriously disrupted.

The three and a half hour meeting between British Rail and the union ended in deadlock with Mr Jimmy Knapp, the union's general secretary, declaring: "I will not accept a situation where my members have been taken hostage and I am not prepared for the sort of ransom they are asking of us."

British Rail started advertising for guards to replace those dismissed at the Margam and Llanelli depots in South Wales and Glasgow Central. The management is seeking recruits from both inside and outside the industry who would be prepared to co-operate with driver-only operation.

The rail union was told that the management would go ahead with its threat to dismiss 60 guards at Immingham tomorrow if they did not agree to operate trial runnings of freight trains without guards.

The suspended Kings Cross guards, whose numbers are expected to increase over the next few days, will soon be told that the suspension will be translated into dismissals unless they give a written undertaking to work the trains adapted for one-man operation.

Mr John Paletic, British Rail's director for personnel, said the meeting with the union had spent a long time "going round the same circles as before". The management would introduce a "driver-only" system and required the union to talk realistically about productivity items that had been on the table for five years.

In a hint at what British Rail's response might be to a union campaign of guerrilla industrial action, Mr Paletic said: "We are not going to allow

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Mrs Margaret Thatcher is offered a traditional welcome drink during a private visit to the medieval centre of Innsbruck, Austria, yesterday. She was also serenaded by a Tyrolean band.

## England beat the weather and Australia

By a Staff Reporter

Although play did not start until the afternoon because of rain, England won the fifth Test against Australia at Edgbaston by an innings and 118 runs. England now have a 2-1 lead in the series and need only to draw the final Test, which starts next week at the Oval, to retain the Ashes.

Australia had initially begun to recover from their overnight position of 37 for five, with Phillips scoring 59 before hitting a ball from Edmonds straight at Lamb, fielding two yards from the bat on the off-side. As Lamb tried to jump out of the way, the ball struck him on the foot and rebounded to be caught by Gower.

The umpires conferred and Phillips was given out, a decision which his captain, Border, criticized. "I think it cost us the match," he said. "There was no way in the world they could tell that was out." With only 80 minutes of play remaining, Australia collapsed to 142 all out.

In London, Mr Lester Bird, the deputy Prime Minister of Antigua, said that he wanted Gooch, the England batsman, to renounce apartheid in South Africa.

Mr Bird said that if Gooch declared that he did not intend returning there, the people and governments of the Caribbean would be "better disposed" to his inclusion in England's tour party this winter.

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## Tripoli car bomb and Beirut shelling kill 75

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

With savage inevitability, Lebanon's car-bomb war spread to the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli and cut down 35 more civilians yesterday, while in Beirut an all-out and indiscriminate artillery bombardment claimed a further 40 lives and wounded almost 150 people.

After a night in which thousands of mortar rounds and shells from long-range guns exploded over Beirut, one estimate put the figure at more than 5,000 shells in 12 hours - at least six official ceasefire lines came and went without having the slightest effect on the carnage.

Beirut airport and its runways alone were hit by 40 mortar rounds and Katyusha rockets. Four shells exploded on the terminal buildings and one missile smashed into the nose of

a parked Boeing cargo jet. Artillery fired by Christian troops of the fractured Lebanese army was directed at Muslim Sixth Brigade units of the same army in the west of the city.

It was by far the worst fighting in Lebanon for almost a year, proving - as perhaps it was intended to - that Syria has quite lost all control of events in Lebanon.

The Tripoli car bomb exploded in the hilltop Abu Samra neighbourhood after scores of civilians had been lured into the main Suddun square to achieve as many casualties as possible. Police said that shortly after midnight someone in a fast-moving car had hurled three sticks of dynamite into the square. When crowds gathered to help the injured a parked car

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## Offal, bombs and boobytraps

## Spetsnaz to invade Britain

By a Staff Reporter

The Russians are coming, five thousand of them posing as campers courting couples, fishermen, and farmers are set to attack vital military installations all over the country next month.

The Spetsnaz, as Nato call them, have orders to bomb, boobytrap, ambush and assassinate. The Spetsnaz will however be members of the Special Air Service (SAS), Special Boat Service (SBS) and the Parachute Regiment. They will be taking part in Brave Defender, most expensive and realistic home defence exercise to be held in Britain for 40 years. At Imthil Barracks, York,

senior officers yesterday outlined the exercise, which is designed to test the country's defence capability against tough and resourceful troops. Spetsnaz, dressed in civilian clothes with some speaking Russian, will be parachuted into key positions to mount mortar attacks, plant explosives, disrupt communications, and incite civil disturbances.

Warsaw Pact-type arms caches will be planted for defenders to find and aircraft holds loaded with animal offal will be dropped into docks and rivers to allow engineers to gain experience in the task of recovering crashed machines and bodies.

A "defeating" Russian commando, complete with AK47 rifle, delivered one of the briefings yesterday, while three Spetsnaz carried out a sneak machine-gun attack on the guests.

The exercise director, Brigadier Michael Jones, said the operation will be mounted with police observers.

One of yesterday's enemy commandos was Miss Dawn Lockyer, aged 19, who was recruited from the Imthil Barracks typing pool. Dressed as a cleaner, her innocent bucket was shown to conceal a pistol.

## Pretoria judge delays hanging

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

A three-week stay of execution was granted last night to Benjamin Moliso, who was due to be hanged shortly after dawn today for the murder of a black security policeman.

The decision came after his lawyers were given leave to make an urgent application to the Pretoria Supreme Court.

The British charge d'affaires in Pretoria had also delivered a message to President Botha from the British Government, urging him to grant a reprieve.

Moliso, aged 30, was convicted in November 1983 of the murder of Warrant Officer Phillip Selope, who was shot in an ambush in a township outside Pretoria a year earlier.

The African National Congress has said it ordered the "re-execution" of the policeman for his part in the arrest of three ANC guerrillas who were later hanged in Pretoria, but that Moliso had no part in it.

Last week Mr Botha rejected a plea for clemency from Moliso, who is in Pretoria central prison.

Yesterday Miss Priscilla Jans, his lawyer, said she had received a letter from the Ministry of Justice suggesting that she make an urgent application to the Pretoria Supreme Court for a stay of execution. It would be made on the basis of fresh evidence, she said.

Mr Justice C. F. Eloff ruled last night that Moliso's legal advisers would have 21 days to petition the State President to re-open the case. Mr Lizzie Malsala, QC, for the defence, said more evidence would be presented if the President accepted the petition.

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## McGuinness is arrested for not paying fines

The Sinn Féin leader, Mr Martin McGuinness, aged 35, who was at the centre of the banned BBC "Real Lives" documentary and a member for Londonderry of the Northern Ireland Assembly, was arrested in Londonderry yesterday evening when he went to police headquarters to produce insurance documents relating to his car.

While at the station, police produced warrants for his arrest for the non-payment of fines totalling £155 which had been imposed for three offences last year, obstruction in September, and obstruction and assault in October.

A police spokesman said Mr McGuinness, who is from the Bogside area, would be released if the fines were paid, otherwise he would face 28 days in jail starting today.

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## Israel envoy dies in Cairo attack

By Our Foreign Staff

An Israeli diplomat was shot dead and his wife and another woman wounded yesterday when gunmen fired on their car as they drove to the embassy from the plush Cairo suburb of Maadi.

The diplomat, Mr Albert Atrakchi, aged 30, was an embassy administrative attaché. He had been in Cairo only three months, and was not among diplomats given special protection.

The three were travelling to the embassy in the suburb of Giza when a red Fiat which had followed their car for several hundred yards overtook and three gunmen opened fire. Mr Atrakchi died instantly.

Israel radio said that 17 bullets were fired, and an Egyptian policeman said that one gunman got out of the car and shot Mr Atrakchi at close range.

An Israeli Embassy spokesman, Mr Isaac Bar-Moshe, said the women, both embassy employees, had bullets removed. Their wounds did not appear serious.

They were identified as Mrs Ilana Atrakchi, aged 24, the wife of the diplomat, and Mr Mazal Menashe, aged 22. One was said to have been shot in the arm and face, the other in the leg.

An unknown group calling itself "Egypt's Revolution" claimed responsibility. A type-written statement said: "Our valiant armed men today, in defence of our freedom and dignity, launched an attack against members of the Israeli intelligence in Cairo..."

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Quality in an age of change.



## BBC unions refuse to accept assurances that few are vetted

By Colin Hughes and Anthony Bevis

Staff unions of the BBC are refusing to accept assurances from the corporation's executives that relatively few employees undergo security vetting. They have also written to Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, seeking confirmation or denial of reports that vetting is widespread.

The BBC's middle management employees said yesterday that they found it hard to believe that the number of vetted posts was being cut, as stated by the corporation's board of management on Monday.

They said that every department head who has sat on an appointments panel has seen decisions about candidates delayed for two weeks or more, inexplicably while the BBC personnel department made inquiries. A newsroom executive said: "The only possible conclusion is that the person chosen is being checked out in security files."

Staff at the BBC have a right

to see their annual report summary, usually an anodyne few paragraphs of precis of their superiors' comments on performance and suitability. They have, however, no right to view their full personal file, which, it is alleged, may bear the "Christmas tree" symbol that denotes the staff member has a security file outstanding.

The National Union of Journalists said yesterday that it has repeatedly asked for confirmation of the presence of such security reports, but executives have always denied their existence. The admission by management on Monday that some staff are vetted will serve to increase union determination to ensure that files can be challenged by staff.

Management executives argue that outline or blanket vetting of applicants, as implied by *The Observer* on Sunday, would be too costly and wasteful to administer, even if it were desirable. They claim that the practice in the BBC is no

different from other non-governmental bodies such as British Rail, the Post Office, British Telecom, the gas boards, or the Central Electricity Generating Board.

The CEBG, for example, say: "We vet staff only on a few occasions when they may be involved with classified material. In those cases we follow government procedures."

The British Rail say: "There is a vetting system for a few key jobs which would involve the security of such movements as Ministry of Defence materials." The other organizations refused to comment on any involvement of the security services in vetting or selection.

Independent Television News said yesterday: "We have never been asked to vet staff, never been pressured, never have, and never will."

The Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance, representing 16,000 BBC employees, is seeking an urgent meeting with Mr Christopher Martin, the corporation's personnel director, to ask him for an explanation of Brigadier Ronald Stonham's role as "special assistant" to the director. *The Observer* alleged that Brigadier Stonham, a former Royal Signals officer, was in consultation with M15 on vetting appointments.

Mr Jacob Eccleston, deputy general secretary of the NUJ, wrote to Mr Brittan: "Since you are the minister with responsibility for broadcasting policy, it does seem to me that you now have a clear responsibility either to deny that M15 have been interfering in BBC appointments, or to confirm the accuracy of *The Observer* allegations and to take immediate steps to end such blatant political interference."

The BBC unions are to meet BBC management on Friday, and have threatened disruptive action if they receive no satisfactory answers.

Whitehall sources confirmed last night that the M15 vetting of BBC appointments has been carried out within the terms of the 1952 Maxwell Fyfe directive governing the operations of the security service.

It was also disclosed by the Home Office that Mr Mervyn Rees, former Labour Home Secretary, was aware of the practice and that Mr Leon Brittan knew that M15 gave the BBC advice, on request, "on questions falling within the security service's field of responsibility."

## TV news 'deal' on terrorism is halted

By Colin Hughes

Television executives are urging the BBC and the Independent Broadcasting Authority to drop consultations with the Home Office over a "gentlemen's agreement" on coverage of terrorism, in the wake of the controversy over the Real Lives documentary and security vetting in the BBC.

Independent television managers, in particular, are telling the IBA that they want no further dealings with the Home Office until the sunnier atmosphere over government interference in broadcasting has dispersed.

As one London Weekend Television executive put it yesterday: "The last thing we need now is to be seen to be coming to any kind of agreement with the Home Office. However innocent it might be, the impression will inevitably be that we are acquiescing in government control."

A confidential exchange of letters between the Home Office, BBC and IBA began several months ago with a Home Office draft of proposed guidelines being sent out to the television companies.

The initiative preceded the TVA hijack and the Prime

Minister's "oxygen of publicity" speech, and was aimed mainly at laying down operational guidelines on procedures for relations between television and the police in the event of a terrorist siege or hijack.

The broadcasters' only concern was a suggestion that they might be asked to transmit, in the police forces' interest, terrorist messages or misinformation: they insisted that no attempt should be made to the broadcasters' hands.

Agreement was thought to be within reach, and so the Home Office aired the idea that more wide-ranging agreements should be considered along the lines proposed by Mrs Margaret Thatcher in her speech after the TVA hijack. Now both aims have been baulked by the BBC crisis.

Mr Barry Cox, head of features and current affairs at LWT and one of those involved in the consultations, said yesterday: "The Home Office has put itself right out of court by leaning on the BBC over Real Lives. I doubt if anyone is going to want to make a deal with them until the programme has been shown and the whole thing has blown over."

## Stepfather says he can find girl

The stepfather of the missing schoolgirl Keighley Barton, has told police he can secure her release if he is freed from custody, it was alleged in court yesterday.

But police feared that Mr Ronald William Barton who is charged with the girl's abduction, would attempt suicide if he was released, West Ham magistrates court in east London was told.

Mr Barton, aged 45, a minicab driver of Mildenhall Road, Clapton, east London, was refused bail and remanded for 21 days. Reporting restrictions were lifted at the request of his solicitor.

The girl, aged 14 who lives with her mother in Sebert Road, Forest Gate, east London, has been missing since she went out to walk her dog on August 10. Mr Barton's solicitor said his client denied all knowledge of the girl's whereabouts.

## Ulster prepares for banks strike

From Our Belfast Correspondent

Businessmen in Northern Ireland were making arrangements yesterday to cope with a 5,500 employees in the four clearing banks in the province, which is now seen to be inevitable.

Branches of the four banks, two of them subsidiaries of the Midland and National Westminster, will close on Friday afternoon and not reopen after next Monday's Bank Holiday unless a solution is found.

Both the bank managements and the Irish Bank Officials Association, the employees' Dublin based union, saw no remaining hope yesterday of a strike being averted.

Without an invitation from both sides, the Ulster Labour Relations Agency has no powers to intercede in the dispute, which centres on both pay and the employers' insistence that any increase on their rejected offer of a 4½ per cent pay rise

should be contingent upon negotiations to achieve lunchtime opening. At present banks in Ulster close between 12.30 and 1.30 pm.

Many Ulster companies were paying August salaries yesterday for employees to cash cheques before Friday's closure. Businesses were making arrangements to import ready cash from England, Scotland and the Irish Republic.

Courier companies were clearly experiencing a heightened demand for their cash transit services.

Clearing banks on the mainland were already refusing cheques drawn on Northern Ireland accounts, putting Ulster holidaymakers in some distress.

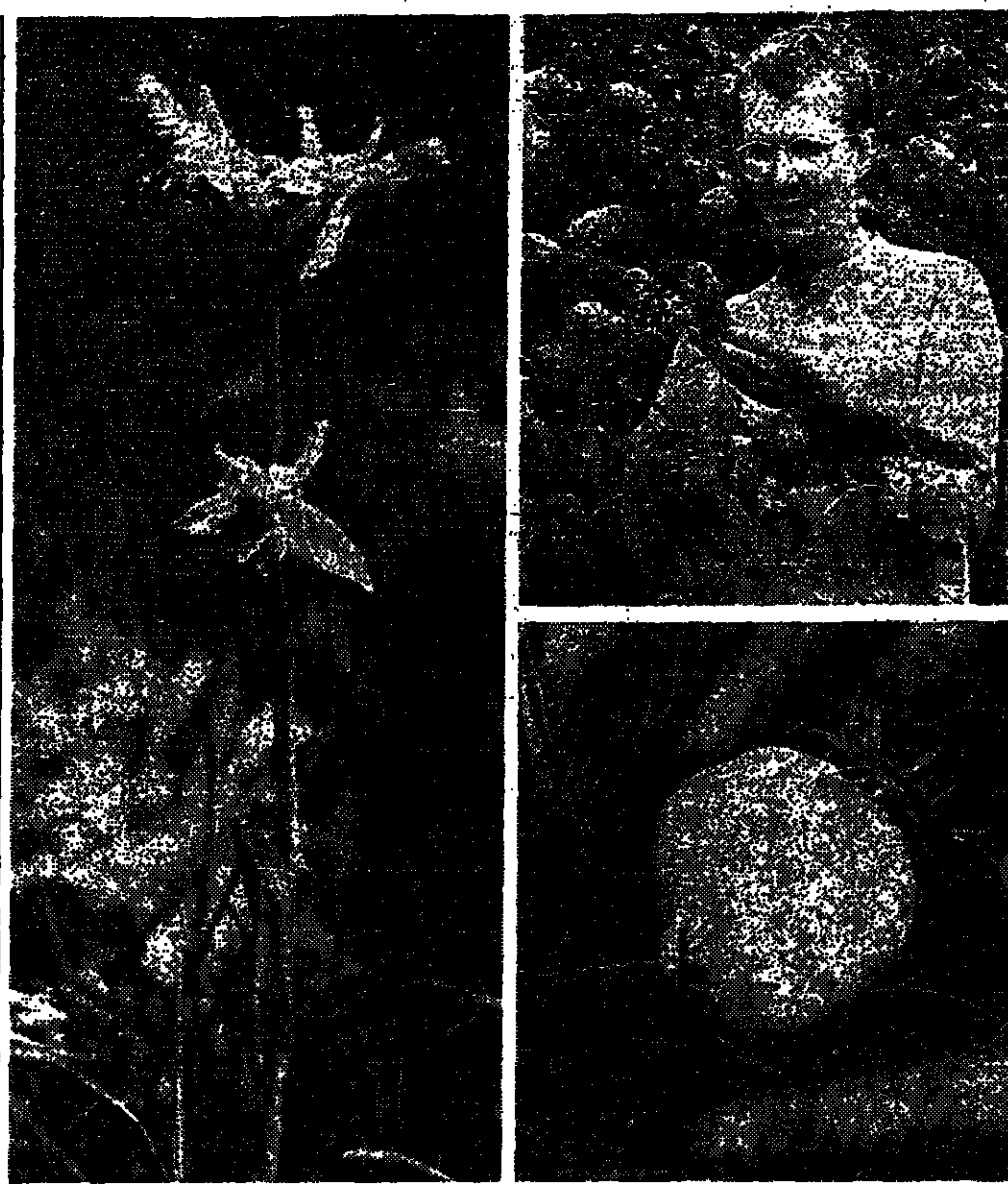
Some Ulster small businesses with personal accounts at the Trustee Savings Bank, which will not be affected by the strike, plan to use these for business dealings.

A prolonged stoppage is certain to bring house sales in Northern Ireland to a virtual standstill. The building societies said they would be sympathetic in cases where mortgage holders were unable to produce the cash for their mortgage repayments.

"We will be stopping interest charges in genuine hardship cases, and the inability to lay hands on cash locked up in a bank, in my view, constitutes a hardship case," said a building societies association spokesman.

The law Society suspended its regulation requiring solicitors to lodge clients' cash with the main clearing banks, for the duration of the emergency.

● Northern Ireland's 600 ambulancemen went on all out strike yesterday. Union officials said the stoppage would last indefinitely.



The rare bee orchid, left, with Mr John Newton, a conservation officer, and a puffball fungus, below right. (Photograph: Chris Harris).

## Orchids grow wild at railway sidings

Orchids have been discovered in the unlikely surroundings of some disused railway sidings in Brixton, south-west London, and local conservationists are campaigning to save the site from property development.

The four and a half acres of

woodland in Shakespeare Road were singled out in a survey two years ago as the only valuable wildlife site in the borough of Lambeth.

Earlier this year, a member of the London Wildlife Trust, which conducted the original survey, found a colony of about

30 bee orchids - plants up to five inches high.

The site owned by Mr Levi King, a property developer, whose application for planning permission to turn the site into a £4 million private housing development goes before Lambeth council in October.

## Unions to ballot on GCHQ

By Our Labour Editor

Union leaders representing 500,000 Civil Servants yesterday agreed to ballot their members on a 24-hour strike if any of GCHQ employees facing disciplinary action is dismissed.

The unanimous decision was taken after the one union opposed to the strategy of a ballot, the Society of Civil and Public Servants, fell into line in the interest of unity.

The Council of Civil Service Unions also agreed to seek a meeting with Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, to discuss the threat to at least nine Civil Servants at the Cheltenham centre.

TUC leaders are likely to treat the GCHQ threat as a key issue at next month's TUC Congress, partly because it is seen as one which unifies the trade union movement.

A motion from the Civil Service Union is likely to be brought forward to the first day of the Blackpool Congress to emphasize its importance and the TUC's unity in the face of the disciplinary threat to employees who decided to leave their unions, but then changed their minds.

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, assured Civil Service union leaders on Monday of his personal commitment to the cause of defending trade unionists at GCHQ.

If a 24-hour stoppage went ahead in the Civil Service it would affect airports and ports as well as all other government departments. It would take place at the same time as the national 24-hour day of action which already has the endorsement of TUC leaders if any notice of dismissal is served.

The ballot would be triggered by the first dismissal notice and would take about two to three weeks to arrange. Separate ballots would almost certainly take place on further selective stoppages which might follow the day of action.

● Leaders of the biggest Civil Service union will today take their first step towards lodging a pay claim for members co-operating with new technology after a Whitehall review on the issue.

The Civil and Public Services Association is likely to seek preliminary talks with the Treasury on the review, which proposes the abolition of the data processing grade, involving 6,500 staff, and their absorption into the much larger clerical band, covering some 190,000 employees.

## Town-hall workers: hopes rise

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Editor

Local authority employees who negotiate with the biggest bargaining group in the public sector have swung significantly towards Labour control. The political shift on the employing body for 950,000 town-hall manual workers is likely to fuel union expectations of a higher than normal pay increase next month.

The 43-member employers' negotiating team, which had a Conservative majority last year,

is politically finely balanced with the prospect of the sole Social Democratic Party representative holding the balance of power.

According to union estimates, the employers side, which has to decide what offer if any to table at the next meeting on September 16, is likely to divide evenly with 19 Conservatives and two Northern Ireland representatives on one side and 20 Labour and one

| SETTLEMENTS STILL TO COME IN 1985 |                 |  |          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|----------|
| Group                             | Settlement date | Settlement   | Comments |
| Teachers (450,000)                | April 1         | Informal 6.1% offer; dispute continues                               |          |
| NHS ancillary staff (250,000)     | April 1         | Unions consulting members on 4.7% offer                              |          |
| Local authority manuals (950,000) | Sept 1          | Claim for "substantial increase", dealing with low pay in particular |          |
| Miners (167,000)                  | Nov 1           | Claim for substantial increase, employers considering local deals    |          |
| Firemen (41,000)                  | Nov 7           | Linked to upper quartile, manual earnings; deal over 7% certain      |          |

| SETTLEMENTS DUE JAN-APRIL 1986               |                 |  |          |
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| Group  | Settlement date | Settlement   | Comments |
| Gas manual workers (40,000)                  | Jan             | 5-5.57% increase this year   |          |
| Electricity manuals (78,000)                 | April           | Estimated 6.3% this year   |          |
| Water manuals (25,000)                       | April           | 5.2% this year   |          |
| Civil servants (white collar, 500,000)       | April           | 4.9% this year, talks under way on possible long-term formula; could yield 4.8%          |          |
| Nurses and midwives (480,000)                | April           | Rises up to 14.2% awarded by review body; this year, pay bill cost said to be about 5.6% |          |
| Armed Forces (325,000)                       | April           | 7% awarded this year   |          |
| Post Office manual (140,000)                 | April           | 5.3% this year   |          |
| Judges, generals, top civil servants (1,954) | April           | Review body award this year of increases averaging 12-17%, met in full by government     |          |

## More miners set to join breakaway group

By Our Labour Editor

Leicestershire miners' leaders yesterday became the fourth to take a significant step towards joining the planned breakaway from the National Union of Mineworkers.

Leicestershire area leaders agreed to hold branch meetings to determine their 2,000 members' attitude to rule changes approved by the union's delegate conference last July.

The move came the day after leaders of the Nottinghamshire and South Derbyshire areas and the Durham-based Colliery and Allied Trades Association met in North Yorkshire to finalize the details of the constitution of the planned new Union of Democratic Mineworkers. A ballot of the 33,000 members of all three bodies is likely under

the 1964 Trade Union Act at the end of next month.

Mr Jones said no recommendation was being put to Leicestershire's members, but although their leaders are proceeding with considerable more caution than those in Nottinghamshire and South Derbyshire, leaders of the breakaway remain confident that the area's miners will in the end join the breakaway.

The move also follows last weekend's indications from Mr Sid Vincent, the Lancashire secretary that his area would not accept the rule changes.

Talks between leaders of all three mining unions broke up yesterday without agreement on the form of a new colliery review procedure.

## Police held hostage in 100-mile chase

A twenty-first birthday party turned into terror when the host was taken hostage by a guest and driven across three counties in a hijacked police car.

The drama started when three men were celebrating at a Chinese restaurant in West Sussex.

A police chief inspector and a constable had been ordered to accompany the kidnapper and his hostage on the 100-mile journey which began in Shoreham and ended on the motorway just north of London early yesterday.

The owner of the Welcome House Chinese Restaurant, Mr

Man Wing, aged 41, said yesterday that three men, all silver of between 21 and 24 years, had been celebrating the birthday of one of them.

"They ordered two steaks and a Chinese meal and had a bottle and a half of champagne. There was a bill of more than £65 and they used a gold credit card to try to pay for it," Mr Wing said. "There was a problem and I called the police."

He added that the three men went to the toilet and when the police arrived, one went berserk. He took his friend, whose party it was, hostage and

smashed the toilet window. A silver of glass from the window was held against the friend's throat.

"More police arrived, they tried to talk the man into letting his hostage go free but he wouldn't see reason. He seemed to have gone mad. It was very tricky and the police tried to talk him out until 5 am, when he started making demands."

He added that while the man was brandishing the piece of glass, he demanded that a police car be put at his disposal. "A chief inspector and a constable got into the

front of the car and the hostage and his attacker got in the back seat."

A Sussex police spokesman said that Chief Insp Philip Mayer, aged 49, and PC Paul Cresswell, aged 34, drove towards Surrey.

The drama continued with the five cars travelling through Surrey, headlights and blue flashing beacon on. Police at the Lewes headquarters radioed for the help of the Metropolitan Police.

A man later appeared in court.

## Drug cure racket by dealers in heroin

A drug intended to cure heroin addicts but which can be as lethal as heroin itself is being sold to dealers in Liverpool, it was claimed yesterday. Drug campaigners on Merseyside have called for an investigation into how the drug, methadone, is prescribed. They say "pushers" buy urine samples from heroin addicts, use it to get methadone, then sell the "cure" for up to £40 a bottle.

West Liverpool Council's drugs liaison officer, Mrs Sheila Sweeney, said children were being involved in getting prescriptions for methadone after taking bottles of urine to clinics.

"Methadone is more dangerous than heroin because it damages the heart and it is more addictive. It's used to treat heroin addicts because it blots out the craving and doesn't give such a big buzz but its dangers far outweigh its benefits," she said.

Dr James Willis, consultant psychiatrist at Hope House, Liverpool's specialist drugs clinic, admitted methadone could be sold, but said it did not "really get you high". He dismissed claims that urine samples could simply be traded in for supplies of the drug.

● A centre in Essex for heroin addicts is closing down through lack of funds. Former heroin user, Mr Eyan Law, and his wife, Ruth, have run the Still Waters centre in Basildon for years, but they say the DHSS has refused a request for £71,000 to buy and repair the building.

● Fifteen detectives have been transferred to the West Midlands police after a promise by the Chief Constable, Mr Geoffrey Dear, to combat the drugs menace by putting more pressure on dealers.

## Laker wins delay in Jersey judgement

Sir Freddie Laker has won a battle in his fight against the £35 million out of court settlement reached between the liquidator of his failed airline and the 12 international airlines including British Airways which is suing in the United States for allegedly conspiring to put him out of business.

Jersey's Royal Court agreed yesterday to Sir Freddie's application to delay considering the settlement. Laker Airways is a Jersey-registered company.

The island's Deputy Bailiff, Mr Peter Crill, adjourned the case until after the Court of Appeal in England had heard Sir Freddie's appeal against the Vice-Chancellor's approval of the settlement last week.

Lawyers representing Ivanhoe Investments, a Jersey company set up by British Airways to make the payments under the settlement, had opposed any delay which they said could jeopardize the agreement under which all the lightholders, small creditors and employees of the airline would be paid in full.

Sir Freddie claims, however, that the £35 million is only a fraction of the amount they could get in damages if the anti-trust case is successful in the United States, and he wants the liquidator removed by the Jersey courts because he claims he has failed in his duty to the company as a whole.

## Charge to follow priest's death

Police in the Irish Republic said yesterday that a man is to be charged in connection with the death of a priest whose body was found in a married woman's bedroom after her daughter's wedding.

Instructions from the Irish director of public prosecutions had been issued to the state solicitor, Mr J. O'Farrell, where Father Niall Molloy's body was found six weeks ago in the home of Mr Richard Flynn, a businessman.

## Secrets case for crown court

Magistrates refused yesterday to try a case against a former Civil Servant charged under the Official Secrets Act, though they were told the Attorney-General had consented to a summary trial.

Miss Catherine Purcell, 19, of Orton Road, Walsley, Sutton Coldfield, is accused of communicating information to an unauthorized person while a clerk in the Department of Health and Social Security. She was remanded on bail to appear before a crown court.

## Gay bookshop nine for trial

Nine defendants in the so-called gay bookshop case - likely to emerge as the biggest test of censorship laws since *Lady Chatterley's Lover* in the 1960s - were yesterday committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

Eight directors and one staff member of the Gay's The Word shop in Bloomsbury, central London, face charges of conspiring to evade prohibition on the import of indecent material under the Customs and Excise Act 1976.

## Army officer is suspended

A British Army officer in command of an armoured regiment based at Munster, West Germany, has been temporarily suspended pending an official inquiry.

The investigation is believed to relate to a number of matters which have arisen since Lieutenant-Colonel Reginald Purbrick, aged 41, took command of the 17th/21st Lancers in April last year.

## British firms' arms contracts

GE Avionics has won its second \$75 million contract this year to provide visual displays to equip the cockpits of American F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter aircraft.

Thailand's defence ministry has awarded a \$50 million contract to the British firm Nobel's Explosives to build an explosives and munitions factory 140 miles north of Bangkok.

## Mortar attack

Three people were injured yesterday when an IRA mortar attack on a police station at the seaside resort of Newcastle, Co Down, went wrong before the explosives detonated before they could be fired by timing devices.

## Arson reward

A farmer yesterday offered a £1,000 reward for the capture of an arsonist who, police say, is responsible for setting fire to barns at four farms within two miles of Grove, Oxfordshire, in the past three days, causing thousands of pounds of damage.

The Times overseas selling prices: Australia \$12.50; Belgium 10.00; Canada 12.50; Denmark 10.00; France 10.00; Germany 10.00; Greece 10.00; Hong Kong 10.00; India 10.00; Italy 10.00; Japan 10.00; Korea 10.00; Malaysia 10.00; Mexico 10.00; New Zealand 10.00; Norway 10.00; Philippines 10.00; Singapore 10.00; South Africa 10.00; Sweden 10.00; Switzerland 10.00; Taiwan 10.00; Thailand 10.00; USA \$1.75; Venezuela 10.00.

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## Spectacles firm right to dismiss woman after affair with rival salesman

Mrs Sue Pontin, a sales representative, lost her unfair dismissal claim yesterday against the company that dismissed her after she went to live with a representative from a rival spectacles company.

Mrs Pontin, aged 30, was dismissed from her £14,000-a-year post with Silhouette Frames after going to live with Mr Peter Savage, aged 29, who is employed by Menrad.

The tribunal was told that Silhouette and Menrad were "bitter enemies" after Silhouette sued Menrad for several million Deutschmarks for copying designs.

The managing director of Silhouette Mr George McLaren, told the Bristol tribunal that he feared talk between the couple, who are now married and expecting a child, might lead to trade secrets being given away.

He added that Mrs Pontin would be unable to cover her sales area, centred on Swindon, while she was living at their new home at Crediton, Devon.

The tribunal chairman, Mr Maurice Woods, said: "It is common sense that the loyalties of the applicant and her husband would clash at times. The old adage that you cannot work for two masters applies in this case."

"Sadly the marriage means that Mrs Pontin's position has become such that it would be inconsistent for her to hold a position as a representative of Silhouette. The employer is entitled to expect that his business secrets should be kept."

Mr Woods said it was not possible for Mrs Pontin to run her sales area from Devon. "No business in our judgement can be expected to accept that position. It would be intolerable for them to do so."

But he added that Mr McLaren had vacillated over the affair and he criticized Silhouette for not taking more immediate action when the issue first arose.

After the hearing, Mrs Pontin, who rejected an out-of-court settlement offer of £4,500, said: "It is crazy that you can lose your job just because you are married to someone in the same business. If I was in the secret service or something like that then it would be different. But I cannot believe the firm would not trust me."

I wish now I hadn't told them what Peter said. This has finished my career in the optics business. I turned down the cash offer because I wanted to clear my name in the industry. The tribunal ruled the dismissal was reasonable and awarded costs of £1,000 to Silhouette.



Mrs Pontin and Mr Savage who are now married.

## Vegetable prices fall with rain

By Patricia Clough

The wet summer has brought at least one consolation - fruit and vegetables are cheaper and more plentiful this year, the British Farm Produce Council said yesterday.

The lack of sun has delayed crops by two or three weeks but, despite of impressions to the contrary, it has not been cold and vegetables are of better quality and roughly one-third cheaper than last year, spokesmen said.

Vegetables were an average of 40 per cent cheaper in July than for the same month last year, and fruit prices were down 28 per cent, according to Datastream figures, although these included produce imported from abroad.

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Information Service said British potatoes were 7p-9p per pound this month, compared with 10-14p for August last year. Carrots were 9p-18p compared with 14p-18p, prime cabbage was 12p-18p compared with 18p-25p and Granny Smith apples were 34p-45p compared with 44-48p.

The British Farm Produce Council said cheap and abundant supplies are expected to continue into September unless there is a really cold spell or heavy rain which could damage crops.

The wet weather made Mrs Mary Armstrong hope for just one thing on her 19th birthday yesterday - a one-way ticket back to California.

Mrs Armstrong moved to Greenbank, Tyne-and-Wear, in December after living in the United States for 65 years, saying she wanted to end her days in the North of England where she was born.

She even wrote to the Queen in her battle with Bureaucracy to be allowed to stay in the country after such a long time.

But with a birthday greeting expected from the Queen, Mrs Armstrong cannot wait to get back to sunny California. "I just can't stand the British weather," she said. "Coming here was a big mistake."

She added: "I never had a day's sickness until I was 79, but since coming here I seem to have been sick every day, and it is just because of the weather."

Essex farmers are to start a fund to help colleagues whose crops were wiped out by a freak hail storm last May.

Mr Michael Jopling, the Agriculture Minister, and the EEC, have said there will be no compensation for the 80 farms near Chelmsford which suffered an estimated £1.5 million in damage after being hit by hailstones more than one and a quarter inches in diameter.

The Essex Farmers' Union is to ask farmers each to donate a ton of grain which will then be sold with the proceeds going to the most needy cases to buy seed for next year's crops.

## Cook's to revive the pampered tour

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Thomas Cook Holidays is reviving what it claims to be the essence of the old Cooks tours which were at their most popular in the latter half of the last century and the beginning of this century.

A brochure published yesterday offers "escorted journeys" through the year to four areas, Canada, India, the Far East and South America all for parties of between 15 and 30 people who will be accompanied throughout by a knowledgeable guide.

Cook's as well as other tour operators, have many conducted package tours but those mainly rely on locally based couriers and agents based at the destinations.

The escorted journeys are for those who want to be "pampered on holiday". Mr Eric Reich, managing director of Thomas Cook Holidays, said:

He said: "We expect them to appeal to those who now have their children off their hands, with a little more time and cash to spare, perhaps semi-retired or professional people with longer holiday entitlements."

A dozen tour managers with a good knowledge of countries being visited have been recruited as escorts.

The holidays range from between 10 and 21 days with prices from £649 (India) to £1,885 (Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay and Brazil). A trans-Canada trip by rail costs £995. The extra cost of the escorting is about £25 to £30 a holiday.

Cook already has fully escorted tours of Egypt where prices from the beginning of next year are being reduced by up to £110, a reduction of 7 per cent to 8 per cent. Cook's says it is passing on the benefits of currency changes in favour of sterling.

The original Thomas Cook, started the business in 1841 when he chartered a train to

## Charter flight firm collapses

Several hundred tourists were thought yesterday to be stranded abroad after a small tour operator ceased trading.

Skybridge/Century Tours, of Crawley, West Sussex, operated charter flights to Nice, Tenerife and a number of Canadian cities. About 10 flights a week are involved. A spokesman said that about 90 passengers due to take a Dan Air flight to Nice from Gatwick Airport tomorrow had already been told of the situation and advised to get in touch with the Civil Aviation Authority.

The authority, which estimated that up to 1,500 people might be affected, brought home 275 passengers from Canada on Monday. Skybridge is not a member of the Association of British Travel Agents, but the authority has called in the company's licensing bond to help pay for return flights and to pay compensation.

Passengers booked with the company are advised to call the authority on 01-379 7311, extension 2683.

The American airline People Express, cut its transatlantic fare yesterday because of the continuing strength of the pound against the US dollar (the Press Association reports). The new one-way economy ticket between Gatwick and Newark, near New York, is down from £166 to £147. The fare was reduced a month ago by £15.

## Freed mother fined £2,000 for shoplifting

A mother of eight, jailed on Saturday for a Fagin-style game with her children, was freed yesterday after being fined £2,000 for shoplifting.

It is believed to be the first time the maximum fine for shoplifting has been imposed since the penalties were doubled last year.

Judge Mendl imposed the fine at Knightsbridge Crown Court after a successful appeal against a two-week sentence by Mrs Asia Al-Hares, aged 40, a Syrian national who was arrested last Friday in Marks and Spencer, Oxford Street, with her son, aged 12, and daughter, aged 10.

Mrs Al-Hares, who had £5,000 in cash on her when she was arrested, was staying at a £750-a-week flat in Upper Montagu Street, Marylebone.

## Child locked in house with dead parents

A girl aged two who was locked in her home for nearly 24 hours with the bodies of her dead parents was being looked after by relatives yesterday.

Mrs Christine Breakwell, aged 22, of Wolverhampton, had been stabbed to death and her husband Jake, aged 30, was hanging by an electric cable from a loft beam.

Neighbours called the police after Becky Breakwell whispered through the letterbox: "My mummy and daddy are asleep."

Detectives broke into the house and they found the child cowering beside the body of her mother, who had dozens of stab wounds to her face, chest and back.

"It was a horrific scene", Det Chief Ins Michael Jenkins said.



The Ewarts starting work yesterday on their £200 a week job (Photograph: Warren Harrison)

## Couple give home the lived-in look

Mr David Ewart and his wife, Margo, who are retired, moved into a new home yesterday and tried to look as though they had been there for years.

With sandwiches and cups of instant coffee, they sat down on the settee, looked wistfully at the fish pond and pondered over their new job.

They are being paid £100 a week each to sit in a luxurious four-bedroomed show house to give potential customers an idea exactly how it should look in domestic circumstances.

The development company, Miller Homes, had received hundreds of applications for the job after it was disclosed that it needed a couple to give their £104,000 homes in Finchampstead, Berkshire, a lived-in look.

Mr Ewart, aged 67, said: "These are very nice houses and we think we are really going to enjoy this role. I am sure we will not get bored. There will be plenty of people viewing the houses."

## Dispute over debt threatens £8m films

An £8 million project to revitalize the British film industry was launched yesterday in London but the four-film project, described as the first collective film production in Britain, has been held up because one of the producers is "blacklisted" by the actors' and technicians' unions.

Mr Don Boyd, the independent film producer, and the man behind the project, said yesterday that it would be "catastrophic" if protracted negotiations with the three unions within the Federation of Film Unions (FFU) affected the project.

During the past 18 months Mr Boyd and his lawyers have been negotiating with the FFU, the actors' union Equity, the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians (ACTT), and the National Association of Theatre & Kine Employees to resolve nearly £250,000 of debts incurred during the filming in 1982 of Mr Boyd's half-completed film, *Gossip*.

## Credit test bars many from bank

Midland Bank is turning away large numbers of applicants for current accounts because of a credit scoring system introduced with its free banking service early this year. It has become the first large clearing bank to use a scoring system on its current accounts.

The system is leading to the exclusion of particular groups of applicants, Midland Bank says. Those who do not own their own homes or have court judgements against them, for instance, score badly and are often refused.

Sources say that branch managers have discretion to take on applicants who fail the test but rarely do.

The system was specially devised by Midland to prevent the influx of poor quality accounts with the introduction of free banking while in credit. The bank has already attracted well over 300,000 new accounts since the free service was brought in, with an average of £300 in the accounts.

## Jail mother loses appeal to keep baby

Dionne Hickling, aged 18, a jailed mother, lost her appeal in the High Court in London yesterday to be reunited with her baby daughter.

The mother, who was jailed for 12 months for deception last April, was separated from Jessica, aged eight months, last month when she was moved from the open Askham Grange Prison in York to the more secure Bullwood Hall youth custody centre in Essex.

The move came after Hickling was "persistently in breach of prison rules", including stealing raspberries from the prison garden and disruptive behaviour. But unlike Askham, Bullwood does not have a mother-and-baby unit.

Mr John Hunter, the prison governor, had warned the mother that her behaviour would have to "improve dramatically" but she continued to misbehave and was moved to Bullwood Hall.

The National Council for Civil Liberties, which brought the case on behalf of the mother and baby, claimed that the governor exceeded his powers and was seeking to have his decision quashed as unlawful.

Mr Justice Tudor Price, giving judgment, said that there was "ample material" to justify the view of the governor and ruled that the decision was lawful.

He also ruled that far from there being any breach of the rules of natural justice the mother had been given repeated warnings and every opportunity to amend her ways before the decision was taken and he said there was no unfairness to her whatsoever.

He added that the governor was forced by the mother's own behaviour to separate mother and baby. He acted carefully and considerably towards her and there was no foundation for any suggestion of unfairness.

Hickling will become eligible for parole in October and her earliest release date will be late in December.

The judge said: "It is greatly to be hoped that whenever she is to be released, that with the help and support of the various caring agencies, she will be able to show herself to be a responsible and caring mother who can then look after her child."



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## Colonel's £500 for a large gin

By Rupert Morris

Mr Derek Kitchener, a dentist from Fishbourne, Hampshire, has 12 good reasons to be grateful to Colonel Anthony Hunter Dangerfield, his late friend and client, who died three months ago.

Colonel Dangerfield left Mr Kitchener £500 in his will, "with the suggestion that he procure himself a case of something agreeable."

Duly mindful of his friend's wishes, Mr Kitchener swiftly contacted his wine merchant, Mr Christopher Purchase, of North Street, Chichester, and ordered a case of 1970 Chateau Beychevelle, St Julien, Fourth

Growth - a decent claret by anyone's standards.

While Mr Kitchener is enjoying his claret, Mrs Peggy King, of Haslemere, Surrey, could in theory be drinking something even more expensive. She was left £500 "to have a large gin for old time's sake". The sum involved would obviously buy Mrs King a very large gin indeed, but yesterday she said she was not taking the bequest too literally.

"It was a very nice thought," she said, "but I drink very little gin as it happens."

Colonel Dangerfield, of Warlington Road, Emsworth, Hampshire, made several other idiosyncratic bequests.

Among them was £500 to Cynthia Wiggins-Davies, of Havant, "with my love and the wish that she will spend it on something of the utmost frivolity". £500 to Gladys Small, his next-door neighbour, "in token of her kindness in keeping watch on a geriatric neighbour until his re-marriage", and £5,000 to Dr John Maskell, of Hordean, "in great gratitude for all he has done for my family and myself."

Colonel Dangerfield's estate was valued at £182,673 net, and probate was granted to his widow, Mrs Mary Dangerfield, and two others.

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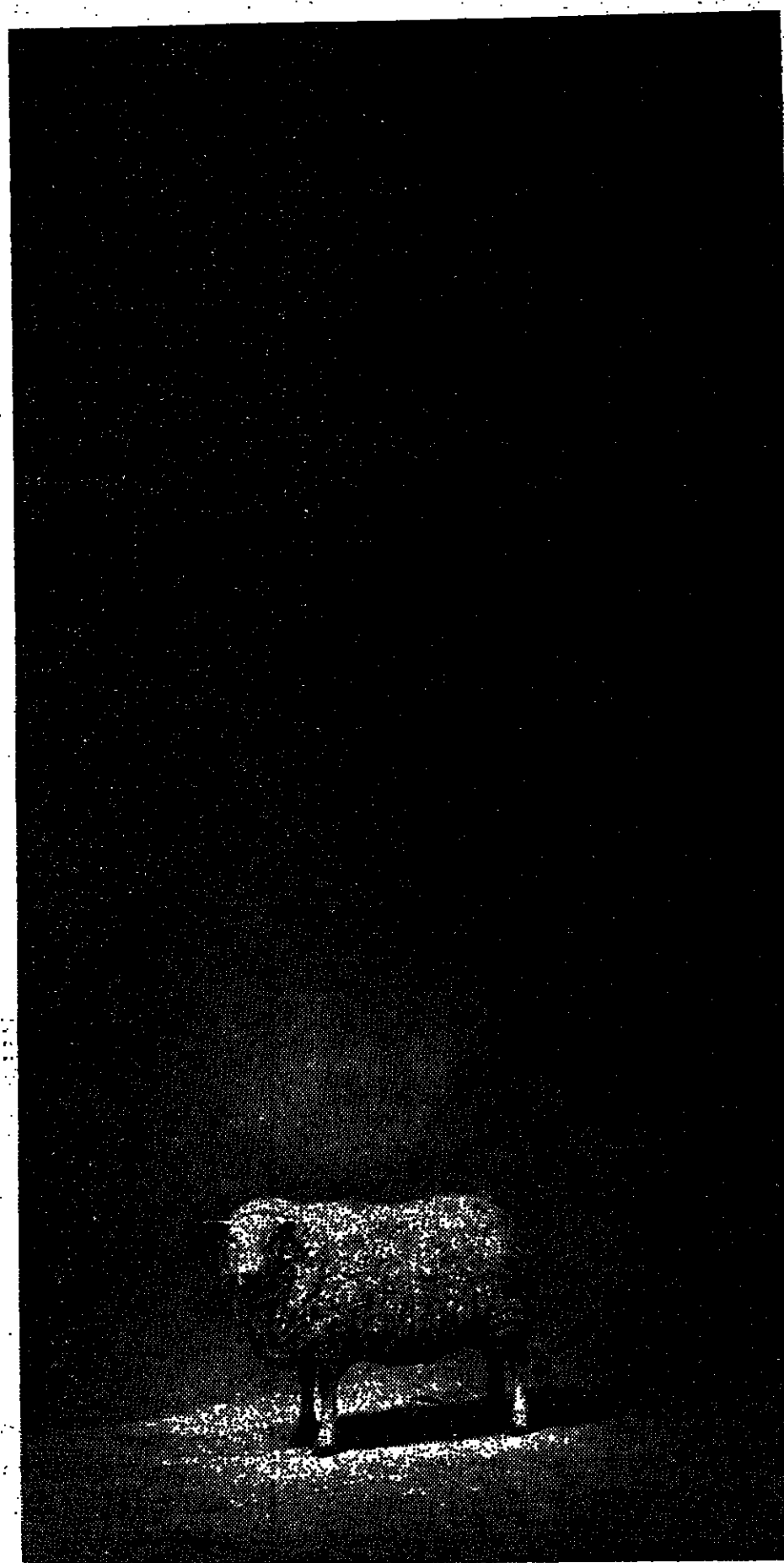
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## ITV lines up comedy and saucy series to boost autumn ratings

Viewers were promised the strongest line-up of comedy and light entertainment for years when independent television yesterday unveiled its programmes for the autumn.

It will also be a season of sexy series and serials. Leading comedy and light entertainment stars and shows returning include Mike Yarwood, Russ Abbot, Bruce Forsyth, Des O'Connor, *Game for a Laugh*, *Live from Her Majesty's, This is Your Life* and *3-2-1*.

Series include Angie Dickinson and Rod Steiger in *Hollywood Wives*, a six-hour adaptation of Jackie Collins's best-seller about life before and behind the cameras in Hollywood, and Phoebe Cates in the blue movie queen-turned-actress superstar in *Lace II*, a sequel to Shirley Courran's blockbuster.

David Soul and Cliff Robertson star in *The Key to Rebecca*, a spy thriller set in the Second World War, and *Dutch Girls* is a fast-moving comedy about a boy's hockey team in Amsterdam's red light district.

An independent television spokesman said: "Many of ITV's biggest ratings winners will be returning, alongside new drama and new comedy. It adds up to the strongest autumn schedule for years."

Television's top three domestic soap operas celebrate milestones this autumn: *Coronation Street* reaches its 1,000th edition and *Coronation Street* will celebrate 25 years on the screen.

The weekly line-up includes, on Mondays, Julie Walters in the *Secret Diary of Adrian Mole*, the *Winning Streak*, set in the world of rally driving, *Operation Julie*, the story of Britain's biggest anti-drug ring operation, and the return of *The Bill*.

Michael Parkinson, Mike Yarwood and Des O'Connor will have their own shows on Tuesdays along with two dramas, a new series of *Travelling Man*, with Leigh Lawson, and *Heart of the High Country*, a passionate story of a young girl who emigrates to New Zealand in 1870.

*This is Your Life* and *Minder* are back on Wednesdays with two new comedies, *The Brothers McGregor*, written by the creators of *Brass*, and *Girls on Top*, starring Tracey Ullman. Jim Davidson will be back on Thursdays in *Up the Elephant and Round the Castle*, Lionel Blair returns with *Name That Tune* and there will be a series of Benny Hill shows.

Fridays will have new drama and comedy and a new soap opera, *Albion Market*, made by Granada. Drama includes *Drummonds*, with Richard Pascoe as the headmaster of a small Sussex private boys' school, and *South of the Border* has Brian Glover as a north-eastern dragger south of Watford.

Saturdays will see the return of favourites such as *Dempsey and Makepeace*, Russ Abbot's *Mad House*, *3-2-1*, and *Game for a Laugh*.

Two drama series begin on Sunday nights. Cheryl Ladd rediscovers the passion of a youthful love affair on the most romantic train in the world in *Romance on the Orient Express* and *Dutch Girls* also starts

Three little girls and their parents died early yesterday when fire ripped through their home.

Mr Gerald Murphy, aged 26, his wife Christine, aged 25, and their daughters, Laura, aged four, Lorraine, aged two, and Louise, aged 11 months, who lived at Netherburn, near Larkhall, Lanarkshire, died in spite of neighbours' attempts to save them.

Mr David McDonald, aged 21, was staying at his sister's house next door when he heard the children's screams.

Wearing only his underpants, he ran into Murphy's home. He got into the hall of the two-storey house before being driven back by smoke and flames. Neighbours had to prevent him trying again to enter the house.

Another neighbour who tried to reach the family was Mr Thomas Nelson, aged 26. He had been playing pool with Mr Murphy.

Mr Nelson said: "About 10 or 15 minutes after I got home I heard Christine shouting: 'Gerald, get the weans out!'"

Mr Nelson ran to the Murphys' house where smoke was pouring from the windows. "I kicked in the front door and the flames blew me from the top step to the bottom."

"One of the neighbours gave me a wet blanket to put over my head, but I could not get close because of the heat of the flames. I shouted to Gerald, who was upstairs, but he said he was trapped. Within minutes the windows had burst from the heat and when the firemen arrived there was nothing they could do."

Mrs Katherine Rodger, a neighbour, said: "I woke at 2.00am and heard screaming. I could hear Christine upstairs shouting to her husband but there was no answer."

"Then suddenly everything went silent. It was over within seconds. It was terrible. Smoke and flames were everywhere."

Police are trying to establish the cause of the fire.

## Parents and three girls die in house fire



Amo, a zebra foal, at London zoo with her surrogate dam, Mahogany (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

## Welsh pony's zebra foal

Amo, the first zebra foal in Britain and only the second in the world to be born by embryo transplant, made an appearance on a leading-rein at London Zoo yesterday.

She was being watched by her surrogate dam, Mahogany, a Welsh pony. The mare seems unperturbed by the strange appearance of her offspring. She suckles and nurtures her as she would a pony foal.

The pregnancy was the result of collaboration between scientists in the Zoological Society of the Institute of Zoology, in London, and the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association equine fertility unit at Cambridge, who are studying ways of conserving rare species from extinction.

Amo was born spontaneously in June after a gestation of 369 days.

## Timex stops making televisions for Sinclair

By Bill Johnstone  
Technology Correspondent

Timex, one of the principal creditors of the Sinclair Research home computer company, is refusing to make any more flat screen televisions for the computer group unless it is paid in cash.

The decision will cause immediate problems for Sinclair, which is trying to fulfil a £10 million contract with Dixons, the high street retailer. Part of that contract is for the supply of about 30,000 televisions. Timex is holding some stock, but not enough to satisfy the Dixons order.

The Timex view is one of the many reservations expressed at Monday's meeting of Sinclair creditors in London. The creditors, who are owed about £15 million between them, issued a statement saying they would be "supportive" but they have been unable to agree how much of the debt will be repaid immediately and the repayment schedule for the remainder.

None of the manufacturing creditors - Thorn-EMI, Timex and AB Electronics - are keen on increasing their inventory. Thorn-EMI and Timex hold most of the stock, apart from Sinclair itself, but most of that is in the Spectrum and QL computers.

The complex situation is expected to reach a climax in the next 10 days. None of the creditors, who include the banks Barclays and Citibank are interested in taking equity in the company, in exchange for debt. Thorn-EMI is owed about £7 million, Timex £3 million and the two banks more than £5 million between them.

The creditors are considering the business plan presented by the Sinclair management on Monday. A series of meetings is expected within the next week on who will continue to make Sinclair products and how they will be paid.

The Sinclair management has been encouraged by the Dixons order and believes the peak computer sales period before Christmas will boost its finances.

## Car used in attempt to smuggle 30 parrots

An unemployed factory worker has been fined £1,800 for smuggling 30 rare parrots into Britain in his car.

Magistrates at Felixstowe, Suffolk, were told the birds, valued at £7,500, were found hidden in compartments in the car when it was searched by customs.

John Robert Tonge, aged 28, of Laburnum Road, West Cornforth, Co Durham, pleaded guilty to fraudulently importing 30 live parrots. He also admitted transporting the birds in a manner likely to cause suffering, failing to ensure they were carried in suitable containers and two charges of causing unnecessary suffering.

Tonge was also ordered to pay vet's fees and costs totalling £275.

## Elderly couple rout gunmen

An elderly couple fought off two smartly-dressed gunmen in a breakfast time raid on their home at Seaford, Sussex, yesterday.

Mr Albert Cooksey, aged 74, who with his wife, Mary, confronted the armed raiders on their first floor landing, suffered cuts and bruises when he tried to disarm one of the men. The men ran off.

## Baby inquest

An inquest into the death of a newborn boy, whose body was found in a litter bin in Battersea Park, London, on Friday, was opened yesterday and adjourned until September 17. The cause of death was said to be a skull fracture and the coroner appealed for witnesses. Police are trying to trace the mother.

## Inquest deferred

An inquest into the death of Mr Paul McWilliam, aged 32, of Regent Avenue, Hillingdon, whose organs were used for transplants without his family's permission, was yesterday adjourned until September 17. He died on July 14 after a road crash.

## Coach crash

A coach driver and four elderly passengers were admitted to hospital yesterday after a coach carrying 30 pensioners was involved in a collision with a council refuse truck and a car at Killinghall Hall Bypass, between Harrogate and Ripon, North Yorkshire.

## Warning on safety of bats

The Nature Conservancy Council is circulating a reminder to people with bats in their property that all species of British bat are protected by law.

The move comes after a pest control firm was fined £1,000 for destroying a bats' habitat.

The company, Pinebury Ltd of Shaftesbury, was fined at Devizes Magistrates' Court on Monday under a prosecution brought by the Nature Conservancy Council.

Although it was the third successful prosecution relating to bats, it was the first undertaken by the council.

The conviction resulted from the treatment of a house roof at Rowde, Wiltshire, in September last year. A water mixture containing Dieldrin, a powerful pesticide known to be lethal to bats and prohibited from use in seed dressing because of the damage caused to birdlife was used.

## Rival views on tunnel vision

Conservationists and canal enthusiasts have found themselves at odds over a disused tunnel which is home for 2,000 bats, the single biggest roost known in Britain.

A canal society wants to reopen the Greywall tunnel on the Basingstoke Canal, in Hampshire, as part of a restoration scheme. The Nature Conservancy Council fears the move will drive the bats away from the area of special scientific interest.

Dieldrin has been voluntarily withdrawn by the timber-treatment industry, because of concern about its safety. The presence of the bats at Rowde was known to the

previous occupier at the time of Pinebury's survey, but the incident came to the attention after a survey of the house by another company, who notified the council that signs of bats had been found in the floor space.

The roof was dowsed with the poisonous mixture before a bat expert had an opportunity to visit the house and advise on the best treatment.

In 1975, protection of two extremely rare species (the greater horse-shoe bat and the mouse-eared bat) was under the Wildlife and Countryside Act to all 15 species of bat found wild in Britain. This was because of a rapid decline in the harmless insect-eating creatures, attributed largely to a scarcity of suitable habitats.

The Act does not prevent timber treatment, and allows for schemes that will not harm any bat.

## Airline disputes bill for stowaway boys' flight home

A dispute has arisen over the cost of a flight from New York to Dublin to return two Irish schoolboy stowaways, Keith Byrne, aged 10, and Noel Murray, aged 13, home to their families.

Air Lingus charged American immigration authorities the cost of flying the boys home on Monday. They had bluffed their way past security at Heathrow

Airport and had a free flight to America on an Air India jumbo jet.

The immigration service paid the fares and then charged Air India. But Air India officials at Kennedy Airport are refusing to pay up until they have carried out their own inquiry.

They said it had not been established that Air India carried the stowaways into

New York.

The company said: "A lot of carriers came into the airport at that time. The only clue that Air India carried the boys is their story that they were served curry."

The US immigration service said it was normal practice to bill the airline which carried stowaways for the flight back to the country of origin.

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# Sri Lanka's five crucial days at the brink of bloody ethnic strife

From Richard Ford, Colombo

## Strict security on cricket tour

The next five days will be crucial for the prospects of preventing Sri Lanka being plunged into a dangerous and growing escalation of bloody ethnic strife between the Tamil minority and the majority Sinhalese.

Unless the talks in the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan make some progress, Government officials in Sri Lanka and it is understood, some Cabinet ministers, believe the country will drift into civil war.

The fragile ceasefire which began in mid-June broke down after communal violence at the weekend with observers expecting increasing retaliatory attacks and reprisal killings between the two communities. There are those in Colombo who see the latest violence as proof that the country is poised on the brink of civil war and that the talks in Thimpu, capital of Bhutan, are doomed to fail because the two sides are so far apart.

It is also a critical period for India, and in particular the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, who has invested his own and his country's prestige in the effort to get a peaceful solution.

For Mr Gandhi, currently enjoying favourable reviews after settlements aimed at ending internal problems in the Punjab and Assam, the failure of the second round of talks on the Sri Lankan troubles would represent a major setback to his first foreign policy initiative. His own reputation is at stake, and it is clear that Indian officials are making strenuous attempts to keep both sides at the negotiating table in Thimpu where, after a brief adjournment, talks are expected to resume tomorrow.

Colombo (Reuters) - Tight security will be enforced during the four-week tour of Sri Lanka by Indian cricketers starting today because of the violence, a cricket board official said. Police will mount guards inside and outside grounds and no spectators will be allowed on the field during play. About 100 people demonstrated in Madras on Monday demanding cancellation of the tour.

However, all sides realize that time is running out and that by early next week Sri Lanka should know its fate - either some sort of settlement or increasing sectarian violence. So far India insists that it has offered only its best efforts and assistance to both sides, but other options would have to be considered if the talks break down. Indian policy would have to be reviewed over a conflict which has great potential for causing serious problems for Mr Gandhi. The southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, just a few miles across the Palk Strait from Sri Lanka, has 50,000,000 Tamils and 100,000 refugees who have fled the violence, and they have an emotional interest in the sufferings of their fellow Tamils which, with renewed conflict, could force on India unwelcome pressure to act more decisively.

There is pessimism at the prospects of tomorrow's talks, and disappointment in Delhi that Sri Lanka's President Jayawardene has failed to produce more meaningful proposals to meet Tamil demands for greater autonomy. After the President met Mr Gandhi in Delhi in June it was thought he had given a private assurance that such proposals would be brought forward, but until now little more than greater power to district councils, a formula offered in all-party talks in 1984.

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Meanwhile, reports of violence continue as more people flee their homes. The Government says that the weekend toll of violence left 71 dead but some sources say the figure is nearer 200.

It is also reported that 20 people were killed and Tamil businesses attacked on Monday night by armed Sinhalese after the hijacking of the Manhar-to-Colombo night mail train by Tamils at the weekend. The service has been cancelled.

## Return to civil war feared

## Uganda rebel threat to renew conflict

From Richard Dowden, Kampala, and Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Mr Yoweri Museveni, leader of the National Resistance Army (NRA) which fought a guerrilla war in Uganda before the recent overthrow of President Obote, has threatened a campaign to overthrow Uganda's new military leadership.

The headline statement sharply narrows the chance of a meeting between him and the new Government in Kampala, and increases the possibility of the country sliding back into civil war.

In the capital recently many people who formally supported Mr Museveni have become increasingly frustrated by his failure to meet the new Government. In particular, the Democratic Party, many of whose members gave support to Mr Museveni's fighters, have joined the new Government and are anxious to establish peace, and move rapidly to elections.

Mr Museveni, whose fighters now operate in much of the west and south of the country, has been demanding equal shares in the ruling Military Council, but the new Government, which has now filled 18 of the 23 Cabinet posts, is only offering him five Cabinet posts, although it has announced its willingness to meet him anywhere and discuss any subject.

In his first detailed statement since the coup of July 28, Mr Museveni said yesterday: "We do not recognize the Military Council. Lieutenant-General Okello as Head of State, Paulo Muwanga as Prime Minister, or

the other appointments and decisions the usurper junta has been making.

"We are, however, willing to discuss all these issues and arrive at a secure and progressive political arrangement."

Mr Museveni has been in Nairobi for several days, where he has already met the Ugandan Foreign Minister, Mr Olara Otunnu. But he did not meet General Okello who flew here to meet Kenyan President Moi on Monday.

Mr Otunnu said here yesterday that the Military Council had tried to meet Mr Museveni and his group, but they failed to arrive at a meeting called in Dar es Salaam last week.

Mr Otunnu said he had had "extremely useful discussions" with Mr Museveni, and that they were working to arrange talks between the NRA and the Military Council.

Mr Museveni's statement is bitterly critical of the new military leaders and of the politicians who have accepted office under them, accusing them of ignoring the need for a lasting solution in Uganda, and of looking first to their own enrichment.

"Unless a proper foundation for peace is reached, the struggle continues," he warned, describing the creation of the Military Council and the appointment of ministers as "new time-bombs that will blow up in future". He added: "We reject this process because it means the perpetuation of the same old problems of insecurity."

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## UK signs tough sports convention

From Jonathan Braude, Brussels

Britain and Denmark have signed and ratified a tough international convention on spectator violence at sports events drawn up by the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

Six countries have now signed the convention, which sets out a series of binding measures including the segregation of rival supporters and the banning of known troublemakers by strict control of ticket sales.

The convention also calls for severe restrictions on the sale of alcoholic drinks, strict safety standards for football stadia and better and more tightly co-ordinated policing.

The convention was drawn up in record time after a meeting of European sports ministers in June in the aftermath of the European Cup Football tragedy in Brussels.

Ratification by only one more country will ensure the convention comes into force, after the signature "without reserve of ratification" by the British Ambassador to the Council of Europe, Mr Christopher Lush and his Danish counterpart. The convention enters British law as soon as it comes into force.

Meanwhile the British president of the Council of Europe's committee for the development of sport, Mr David Teesdale, head of sport and recreation at the Department of the Environment was in Paris last night for a meeting of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) executive committee. It was convened to discuss ways to control violence.



Residents passing an armoured vehicle in Soweto yesterday, where hundreds of troops carried out house-to-house searches and manned roadblocks. Drivers and residents were stamped with a red mark once they had been checked.

## South Africa police inquiry sought

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

A call was made yesterday for a judicial inquiry into the conduct of South African police and troops acting under the state of emergency regulations.

It followed the assurance by President Botha to church leaders on Monday that the regulations were not a licence for the security forces to do as they liked. He said he would order a magistrate to investigate allegations of abuse and ill-treatment.

But Mrs Helen Suzman, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Durban, said they came away feeling there was a wide gap between the perceptions of the Government and those of the black community. While Mr Botha clearly believed he was leading the country on the road to reform, township people felt no real change was taking place.

"What is needed is a proper, objective judicial inquiry."

Mr Louie Le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, said Mr Botha's assurance of an investigation applied only to specific allegations detailed by the delegation led by the Most Rev Philip Russell, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town. There would be no general investigation of possible misconduct by the security forces. Mr Botha met two delegations of churchmen on Monday.

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The Right Rev Desmond

Tutu, Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, boycotted the meeting and has been criticized by the US for doing so. He said it would be "the miracle of the century" if anything came of it.

The other group to meet Mr Botha representing the Afrikaans establishment, Nederlandse Gereformeerde Kerk, which said it got the impression the Government was in control of the situation.

The Rev Kobus Potgieter, Moderator of the church said, Mr Botha assured the delegation "that Christian principles would be upheld" when the Government needed to take action and that the state of emergency would be lifted as soon as possible.

In another development, a tennis match between Martina Navratilova and Chris Lloyd,

scheduled to be played in Johannesburg in October, has been called off because it has been impossible to insure the players for their visit due to the state of emergency. There was to have been a prize of \$500,000 (£350,000).

Meanwhile, police said there had been a marked decrease in the number of incidents of unrest and claimed: "It would appear that black residents are becoming increasingly upset with hooligan elements."

For the first time since the state of emergency was declared four weeks ago, there were no arrests under the regulations during the past 24 hours, according to the police report. A total of 2,024 people have been detained, of whom 1,102 have been freed.

## Gloomy White House outlook for Geneva summit progress

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration, in a deeply pessimistic analysis of relations with the Soviet Union, has given a warning that even gradual improvements in superpower relations will be hard to achieve without changes in the Soviet approach to arms control.

The White House is cautious about the prospects of significant progress when President Reagan meets Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, in November. Mr Robert McFarlane, the National Security Adviser, said: "We're having a lot of trouble establishing a real dialogue."

His gloomy assessment came as preparations were being made for talks at the White

House on September 27 with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, which will prepare the ground for the Geneva summit. The White House is playing down an offer by Mr Gorbachev to hold an international conference on the militarization of space.

Mr McFarlane, a former Marine colonel whose influence on foreign policy appears to be increasing substantially, cited several examples in recent years of what he described as Soviet decisions to accelerate superpower competition in chemical weapons, ballistic missile defences and intermediate-range missiles.

He said Moscow was undertaking an extremely large

research effort on defensive nuclear weapons systems yet had criticized American Star Wars research. The Russians had proposed something that was non-negotiable and non-verifiable - a ban on research - even as they pursue the largest research programme on Earth."

"Without some changes in the Soviet approach to security issues, in fact in the thinking that underlies it, fear that even incremental improvements will be extremely hard to reach."

Mr McFarlane questioned why the Soviet Union had decided to produce chemical weapons, which had forced the United States to begin producing its own after a 13-year ban.

## US threatens to cut aid to its critics

From Paul Routledge, Singapore

The United States yesterday signalled an intention to reward its friends and punish its enemies according to how they vote at the United Nations.

General Vernon Walters, the US Ambassador to the UN said here: "We are coming to a period when there will be closer relationship between the voting pattern of a nation in the UN and our bilateral relations with that country."

He decided to name the countries particularly at risk for consistently voting against America more often than the Soviet Union does, but indicated that they could number 30 to 40. Some could lose their "favoured nation" trading status.

During a pre-UN General Assembly tour of South-East Asia, General Walters argued that the American people found the theory of "moral ambivalence" between the US and the Soviet Union irritating. "You do something to the Soviet

Union and there will be no cost," he said.

"I often think that one of the reasons why many people vote very freely against us is that nothing ever happens as a result. But there was now a pressure to make such anti-Americanism costly, and Congress was discussing whether to cut off aid to critics who vote against the US more often than the Soviet Union."

General Walters is asking the critics of the US to think twice before voting against America. His appeal is particularly addressed to members of the non-aligned movement, who consistently vote 86 per cent with the Soviet Union and against the US.

"I don't know whether I would change a single vote but I will try and do everything I can to make some of the people who vote against us feel as bad as possible when they cast the votes," he declared.

"I will be as firm as my

professor in repelling attacks on the US, but I will do my best to maintain the closest possible contact with the delegations of the so-called non-aligned. I will try and persuade them not to surprise us with things that they may do."

"I think that it will be quite easy once they understand that they do not always have to vote against us, that it does not always involve their national honour or the principles of their country, and that if they show and study each case on the merits of that particular case, no one can quarrel with that."

General Walters said that "peer group pressure" among the non-aligned was partly to blame for the growth of anti-American sentiment. He would seek to end the "unjust name calling" against the US, and to ensure a more even-handed approach to the 40th General Assembly of the UN beginning next month.

## Concern for Briton on spy charge

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Foreign Office yesterday expressed its concern over Libya's refusal to allow British diplomats access to a British engineer who has been held in jail in Tripoli for over two months accused of spying.

Repeated requests by Britain for consular access to Mr James Abba, aged 56, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire, have been denied.

Britain broke off diplomatic relations with Libya in April last year after the shooting of a policewoman during a demonstration outside the Libyan People's Bureau in London.

At present Britain has only two consular officers in Tripoli, both of whom work from the Italian Embassy which has looked after British interests since the break in relations.

The only people who have seen Mr Abba since he was seized on June 20 have been two colleagues from Plessey Radar, the company he was working for at the time of his arrest, and two fellow prisoners who were subsequently released.

He was described as fit and well, and a Foreign Office spokesman emphasized yesterday that there was no cause for alarm.

Mr Abba appeared before a closed hearing in Tripoli on August 14, and the Foreign Office has been told that the Libyans hope to complete their investigations by the beginning of next week. A court hearing is expected soon afterwards.

Mr Abba has worked for Plessey Radar since 1971, often travelling extensively to install, maintain or service the company's electronic equipment. A company spokesman said he was in Libya specifically to carry out routine maintenance of a radar system installed several years ago.

He was described as "a reliable and highly regarded member of the field services team". His arrest adds to the growing list of Britons being held in Libya. Two other British engineers, Mr Robert Maxwell and Mr Michael King, are serving prison sentences of 12 and five years respectively, one for industrial espionage and the other for possessing drugs.

Another British engineer, Mr Malcolm Pike, has been detained there for the past year.

TUNIS: Tunisia has expelled 253 Libyans, including diplomats, for spying, the official TAP news agency reported yesterday (Reuters reports).

The Libyans, some of whom worked at the Libyan mission or the cultural centre here, were trying to set up networks to incite acts of terrorism and sabotage, the agency said.

The move was in response to the expulsion of more than 20,000 Tunisian workers from Libya in recent months.

## Austria arrests top wine merchant

A leading Austrian wine merchant, Herr Josef Höpfer, whose Klosterkeller Siegen-dorf supplies quality wines to several restaurants in Europe and the United States, was arrested yesterday in connection with the country's wine scandal (Richard Bassett writes from Vienna).

Herr Höpfer was not charged with adding the anti-freeze agent diethylene-glycol to the Siegen-dorf wines but with irregularities in labelling.

A second arrest in Burgenland yesterday, that of the wine dealer, Herr Paul Weiss, has brought the total to 45.

## Polish colonel under arrest

Warsaw (Reuters) - Colonel Adam Rajski, of the Polish Army, has been arrested in connection with the detention of Mr Slawomir Bielecki, head of a main underground publishing house, and charged with meeting a representative of a foreign organization acting against Polish interests.

A second colonel, who retired in 1968, and two reserve colonels, who left the army in the 1970s and were stripped of their ranks, have also been arrested.

## Family attacked

Stockholm - An inquiry is to be held into an incident in which police watched from a patrol car as 50 youths attacked a gypsy family with stones and a firebomb in Kumla, central Sweden.

## Leopard victim

Delhi (Reuters) - A man-eating leopard has claimed its tenth victim, a 12-year-old girl, near the Mandu caves tourist sight in Madhya Pradesh.

## Drug sentence

Jakarta (AP) - James Cock, aged 28, a driver from Sydney, has been jailed for 17 years for drug trafficking on the Indonesian tourist island of Bali.

## Bride price

Lagos (AFP) - Any man wanting to marry a schoolgirl in Nigeria's northern state of Bauchi risks six months' jail or a 1,000 naira (£815) fine for interrupting her education. The same applies to a consenting parent or guardian.

## Laxalt to go

Washington - Senator Paul Laxalt, aged 63, one of President Reagan's closest friends and advisers, has announced that he will not seek re-election to the Senate in 1986.

## Sheikh freed

Cairo (Reuters) - Sheikh Fahez Salama, the Muslim cleric campaigning for Islamism (Sharia) law in Egypt, has been freed from nearly a month's detention and flown to Saudi Arabia for the annual pilgrimage (Hajj) to Mecca.

## Ferry toll 114

Peking (Reuters) - The death toll in a ferry sinking near the north-east Chinese city of Harbin on Sunday has been revised from about 300 to 114, the People's Daily reported.

## Moon goes free

New York (AP) - The Rev Sun Myung Moon, aged 65, the Korean evangelist who heads the Unification Church, was freed from a rehabilitation centre after serving 13 months of an 18-month sentence for tax evasion.

## Spaceman's loss

Cannes (Reuters) - Mr Muhammad al-Salum, aged 20, son of the Saudi deputy minister who recently orbited in the US space shuttle, was killed here and three young Saudis seriously injured when their car hit a tree.

## Hostages claim

New York (AP) - Four of the men held hostage in Lebanon after the TWA hijack in June have filed lawsuits against the airline. Boston and Chicago, claiming \$1 million damages because the carrier failed to provide adequate security.

## Generals retired

Lima (Reuters) - Peru has ordered 37 police generals into early retirement as part of a probe into illegal drug trading, including the head of the civil guard.

## Blast kills three

Paris - A violent explosion, possibly caused by gas, in a block of flats in Royat, central France, killed three people and injured ten destroying the top four floors of a converted hotel.

## Silver haul

Belgrade (AFP) - Seventy-one people have been jailed for up to 20 years in Yugoslavia's southern province of Kosovo after stealing 13.5 tons of silver from a mine since 1978.

## Correction

The title of Frank Capra's film was not *The Best Years of Our Lives* (report, August 14), which was directed by William Wyler, but *It's a Wonderful Life*.

## Tokyo to investigate Japan Air

Tokyo (AP) - The Japanese Transport Ministry yesterday announced plans for a wide-scale investigation of Japan Air Lines management and operations.

It mentioned growing passenger "anxiety" and a questionable safety record. Meanwhile, the Transport Minister, Mr Tokuo Yamashita was called to appear before a lower house Diet (parliament) committee on transportation to discuss the August 12 jumbo jet crash in which all but four of 524 people aboard died.

A ministry official said the inquiry into JAL's operations was aimed at assuring the public that the country's flag airline was doing everything necessary to maintain safety.

As well as examining management procedures it would include inspection of actual company work sites, the official said. He said JAL, which is 34.9 per cent government owned, had had 10 major accidents over the past 13 years, causing 731 deaths. The crash of flight 123, commercial aviation's worst single-aircraft disaster, was causing anxiety to people dependent on a mass transportation system, he said.

A JAL source said the government probe was a not-unfamiliar "official posture"



The first photograph showing JAL crash victims, Mr Kimble Mathews of Enfield, London, and his Japanese fiancée, Miss Masako Nishiguchi, together

and had been anticipated by airline officials. Another JAL source close to the crash probe said company technicians now believe "something other than failure of a rear cabin pressure bulkhead caused the tail section of JAL123 to break up in flight. Government investigators advanced the theory in recent

## Sind alert for Bhutto funeral

By Our Foreign Staff

Strict security was in force in the Pakistan province of Sind yesterday as it awaited today's arrival of the body of Shahrazad Bhutto, son of the executed Prime Minister.

The body will be accompanied by Miss Benazir Bhutto, the daughter and political heir of Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, and leader of the banned Pakistan People's Party. Pakistan fears that the presence of Miss Bhutto, returning after 19 months of exile in Europe, will turn the funeral of her brother into a political demonstration.

The body of Mr Bhutto, aged 27 when he died in mysterious circumstances 33 days ago in his apartment at Cannes, and the family members accompanying it, was due in Karachi early today.

It will then be flown 200 miles to Monjeodaro when it will be taken for burial beside the late Mr Bhutto at the family graveyard in Larkana.

The airports at Karachi and Monjeodaro have been virtually sealed off, and the town of Larkana as well as the nearby Bhutto villages are under paramilitary and police control.

The provincial government has banned political associates of the late Prime Minister from entering Sind and has prohibited all demonstrations.

Funeral prayers will be allowed at Larkana Stadium after Pakistan People's Party leaders undertook to maintain peace.

A Pakistan minister of state, senior Government officials and military officers are reported to have arrived in Larkana yesterday to supervise arrangements.

The People's Party has estimated that up to 100,000 people could attend despite government efforts during the past week to prevent crowds gathering in the area. Party members have said that

Miss Bhutto, aged 31, will attract large crowds. She is not permitted to address rallies.

PARIS: Begum Bhutto, the mother of Shah Nawaz Bhutto has lodged an accusation of murder against persons unknown with regard to her son at the public prosecutor's office in Grasse (Susan MacDonald writes).

According to her lawyer, Begum Bhutto has taken this step as a means of gaining access to the results of police enquiries into the cause of death. Two post-mortem examinations have been performed on the body but although it was released to the family late last week, no results have been disclosed.

The body left Nice for Karachi in Monday, accompanied by his two sisters, Miss Benazir Bhutto, and Mrs Sanan Bhutto Hussain, who will assist at the burial of their brother.



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## Electric Mills



## New Zealand to slash income tax and introduce sales levy

New Zealand's Labour government continued its reformist policy with a budget statement last night which pledged big personal income tax cuts from October next year, to be funded by a 10 per cent value-added tax.

The Finance Minister, Mr Robert Douglas, whose policies have been denounced as Thatcherism by the left wing of his own party, said the sales tax, which he calls a goods and services tax, would be applied across the board at a uniform rate.

He said that while it produced nearly \$NZ2.7 billion (£1 billion) in revenue, nearly half would be lost by reform of the indirect-tax system.

This included ending the anomalies in the wholesale sales tax system, where, for example, rates of 40 per cent and more are levied on office machinery, perfume and cameras, while only 10 per cent is paid on aircraft, heavy vehicles, toothpaste, soap and computers.

The income tax cuts range from about 20 per cent for high and average earners to 84 per cent for the family man with low income.

A person earning \$800 a week will pay \$253 tax instead of \$318.

Mr Douglas also announced a revised family income support

From Richard Long, Wellington

scheme for lower-income families and beneficiaries, aimed at reducing the effects of the goods and services tax, which he estimated would add 5 per cent to consumer prices.

He hinted at business-tax reform, including an end to "double taxation" of dividends whereby a company pays tax on profits and after-tax profits are then taxed after being distributed as dividends to shareholders.

Personal tax cuts are being achieved through a three-step scale, compared with the present five-step scale, which has the top marginal rate of 66 cents in the dollar applying from the time a person earns more than \$38,000. Treasury officials say it is one of the world's highest.

Under the new scale, tax will be 15 cents in the dollar on all taxable income up to \$9,500 a year, 30 cents on income between \$9,501 and \$30,000 and 48 cents on income in excess of \$30,000.

Under the previous scale, tax was 20 cents in the dollar up to \$6,000, 33 cents from \$6,001 to \$25,000, 42.1 cents from \$25,001 to \$30,000, 56.1 cents from \$30,001 to \$38,000 and 66 cents above \$38,000.

Mr Douglas described the changes as the most far-reaching reform of taxes and benefits in

recent history and Treasury officials compared them with the changes of the 1880s and 1930s.

There was immediate business support for the Douglas policy, just as there has been for the rolling reform he has instituted since the snap election of July last year ousted Sir Robert Muldoon's National government, which had been following a policy of random intervention.

Mr Douglas devalued the dollar by 20 per cent last July, and lifted controls on interest rates.

He abolished restrictions on private overseas borrowings, allowed overseas companies more freedom, eased exchange control regulations and topped all this by floating the dollar in March.

But, while he has met with business approval, the minister has drawn increasing criticism from his own ranks and the unions, which had opposed the goods and services tax unless food and clothing were exempted.

In addition, interest rates are running at more than 20 per cent and inflation is 16 per cent. All this means Mr Douglas could have a rough ride at his party's annual conference in a fortnight.

## Bonn spying suspects may be in East Berlin

Bonn (Reuters) - The disappearance of two Bonn secretaries suspected of spying has highlighted the ease with which East Germany can infiltrate the West German political establishment and keep its agents in place for years.

Although there are still no firm leads on what happened to Frau Sonja Lueneburg and Frau Ursula Richter, both of whom have vanished this month, security sources say there is a growing conviction that both have fled to East Berlin.

If so, they will add to a list of 10 well-placed woman secretaries exposed as agents in the past 10 years and underline the almost insuperable task faced by West German counter-intelligence in trying to unmask Communist spies.

"It's anybody's guess how many informers the East Germans have in key posts in Bonn, and apart from tip-offs from the odd defector they are usually found out only when they up and leave," a security expert at one West European embassy said.

West German officials say an inquiry into the case of Frau Lueneburg, secretary to Economic Minister Mr Martin Bangemann for 12 years, may show East Berlin used one of its most successful spying methods to put her in place, "seamless penetrations".

By this method the identity of a West German who has decided to settle in the East is transferred to an agent who then moves to West Germany, usually via a third country, and seeks work in promising political or industrial areas.

The Bonn Government has said that police are investigating whether Frau Lueneburg, aged 60, was infiltrated in this way when she moved from Colmar in France to West Germany in the 1960s.

Security sources said this method meant routine checks at document centres on the background of people in sensitive posts turned up nothing to raise suspicions. There was a negligible chance agents would ever be detected.

They said investigators were looking at the possibility that Frau Richter, aged 52, had been sent across in the same way as a long-term "sleeper" expected to produce infor-



A newly-released photograph of West German spying suspect Sonja Lueneburg, taken in 1983.

mation only after working up the promotion ladder.

Frau Richter worked in the accounts department of the League of Expellees, a pressure group close to Chancellor Kohl's Christian Democratic Union.

Secret service chiefs say they believe East Germany may have as many as 3,000 agents in West Germany and more than 10,000 active contacts or informers.

Because of common language and culture, the spies could settle effortlessly in West Germany. East Berlin was believed to keep numbers topped up by sending a handful across each year camouflaged as political refugees, they said.

## Israeli Army evicts MPs in West Bank settlement protest

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

The Israeli Army yesterday evicted seven right-wing MPs from a flat they had been occupying in the heart of the Arab West Bank town of Hebron.

The MPs had taken over the flat to encourage more Jewish settlement there.

The MPs from the Tehiya, Likud, and Morasha parties, some of whom had been in the flat since last Thursday, made no resistance. But they protested they were being removed against their will.

They earlier had been told they could not claim parliamentary immunity in an area which the army had declared a closed military zone, and that the Defence Minister would be acting within his rights to order their removal.

Major-General Hermon Shahan, the West Bank military commander, gave them the eviction notice while soldiers waited outside.

The Defence Ministry said the seven were removed "without the use of force". A guard was placed outside the flat.

The incident has put further strain on Mr Shimon Peres's fragile coalition, whose two main parties, Labour and

Likud, are in confrontation on the issue of settling Jews in Hebron.

But Mr Peres has gone out of his way to insist that any purchase of Arab property in the West Bank by Jews must receive the prior approval of the military government, which was not done in the present case and that he was merely implementing a policy first introduced by the Likud in 1979.

The MPs were later meeting the Defence Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, to protest against their removal and demand a renewal of Jewish settlement in Hebron - a demand Mr Rabin was expected to resist.

Meanwhile, without giving details, the West Bank settlers have warned they are going on the offensive and will be stepping up their settlement drive not only in Hebron but also in other West Bank areas.

In another incident, Israeli police sappers safely detonated a booby-trapped car parked near the central bus station in the seaside resort of Netanya. Scores of Arabs were detained for questioning.

## Three jailed Britons on Howe's agenda

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, is to raise the case of three jailed Britons when he pays an official visit to Nigeria early next month. It will be the first visit by a Foreign Secretary in more than four years.

The trial of two of the men, Mr Angus Patterson and Mr Kenneth Clarke, has been dragging on for months and is to resume on August 28. They have been held in jail since May last year, accused of stealing an aircraft.

The third, Mr Graham Coveyduck, was arrested last September, initially charged with attempting to extort £100,000 from the Nigerian Government. The case against him was withdrawn last March.

Since then Mr Coveyduck, who runs an international debt collection service and has spent most of his life in Nigeria, has been held under a military decree which allows indefinite detention without trial for "persons thought to have contributed to Nigeria's economic adversity".

In announcing Sir Geoffrey's visit yesterday the Foreign Office was at pains to point out that his trip should not be regarded as a "mercy dash". However, in his talks with Dr

Ibrahim Gambari, the Nigerian Foreign Minister, he will emphasize Britain's deep concern and with point out that such cases are damaging to Anglo-Nigerian relations.

The main purpose of Sir Geoffrey's visit is to improve these relations, which have been strained since July 1984 when Nigerian authorities tried to kidnap Mr Umaru Dikko, a former Transport Minister, from Britain. Mr Dikko was found drugged in a crate at Stansted airport.

It is expected that Dr Gambari will repeat Nigeria's request for Mr Dikko's extradition from Britain. Sir Geoffrey will tell him that the Home Secretary is still considering the matter. Both countries withdrew their High Commissioners after the incident.

Britain hopes Sir Geoffrey's visit will bring a resumption of normal diplomatic relations and of trade relations. Although Britain remains Nigeria's leading trading partner, the political tension led to a fall in trade. Sir Geoffrey is likely to face Nigerian criticism over Britain's refusal to introduce economic sanctions against South Africa. This is likely to prove a divisive issue at the Commonwealth conference in October.

## Chun faces defiance on campuses

Seoul (Reuters) - President Chun's government has defused a potentially dangerous situation by postponing a law to curb student protests, but the issues remain unchanged and the opposition is unlikely to let up its attack.

The Government was in a hurry to push through the Bill in a special session of parliament because South Korea's one million students were due to start returning to campuses next week at the end of the summer holiday.

But the main opposition New Korea Democratic Party vowed to fight the Bill inside and outside parliament and churchmen and professors joined dissidents in campaigns against the proposed measures, under which radical students could be sent for up to six months to special "re-orientation" centres.

After the Government's weekend announcement that it was postponing the Bill, opposition leaders said they would still demand it be withdrawn entirely.

Mr Kim Dae Jung, a prominent dissident and former presidential candidate, welcomed the government move, but added: "I am not sure whether the Government has abandoned its plan to enact that Bill or not. There is a possibility that the Government will raise that Bill again in the coming regular session."

He condemned the proposed law as undemocratic and almost certain to cause greater campus unrest rather than eliminate it.

## Hurt Britons were bomb blast victims

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greece told the British Embassy here yesterday that the explosion at a seaside hotel near Athens on August 8, which injured 13 people including six Britons, was caused by a bomb, not a gas leak as announced at the time.

Responsibility for the blast which ripped a large hole through the marble floor of the London Hotel in Glyfada, wrecking the bar and main staircase, was claimed by the Revolutionary Socialist Muslims organization in statements put out both in Paris and Beirut.

The Revolutionary Socialist Muslims is essentially an anti-British group which has claimed the murders of Mr Kenneth Whitty, of the British Council in Athens, and of Mr Percy Norris, the Deputy High Commissioner in Bombay, in 1984.

It also claimed to have made the bomb attack against the British Airways office in Madrid last July.

In claiming the latest outrage in a telephone call to a news agency in Paris, the caller said the attack had been aimed at "British groups which under the guise of tourism, use that hotel as an espionage centre to plan aggression against the Arabs and Islam".

A few minutes prior to the 3am explosion, dozens of British tourists had gathered in the hotel lobby before boarding an airport bus.

The Greek police originally said a defective pipe had been found on a gas cylinder in the hotel's basement kitchen and blamed it for the explosion. A panel of experts which searched the rubble came up with evidence that the explosion had been caused by a bomb.

MEP detained: Mr Richard Cottrell, a British Member of the European Parliament, protested yesterday that Athens airport authorities tried to stop him entering Greece on Monday because his passport contained a visa of the secessionist "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus".

He said he had been eventually admitted as an "exceptional case" after being detained for three hours in a "horrible, unairconditioned, smoke-filled room" while the British Embassy negotiated on his behalf.

## Canberra budget emphasis on youth

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

Australians were presented yesterday with a budget which placed heavy emphasis on wage restraint and sound management, and contained no rises in income tax, sales tax or excise duty.

Mr Paul Keating, the Treasurer, said the Government expected a further fall in the number of registered unemployed this financial year.

In a move which will please business, he announced a substantial cut in the projected budget deficit, from \$A6,746 million (about £3,370 million) to \$A4,919 million.

Total government spending will rise in real terms by 1.3 per cent, the lowest increase for years.

Mr Keating's main initiative was in a programme to assist youth, an area where the Labour Party has been losing ground.

In other areas, the budget

offered help to the ailing rural sector and allowed for a modest rise in defence spending, up by about 3 per cent.

The youth programme offers a new training scheme, a combination of training and working for at least a year, with wages to be negotiated with the unions but offering a minimum of \$A90 a week. It is planned to create 10,000 places under the scheme in the current financial year.

## America's missing million children

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Americans are daily bombarded by pitiful tales of missing children. Every year 1,500,000 youngsters supposedly vanish, a figure so staggering as to suggest that no American child is safe beyond the front door. If true, it would mean that one out of 42 American children runs away, is kidnapped or gets kicked out of home each year.

The subject has become something of a national obsession. Pictures of missing youngsters are printed on milk cartons and supermarket bags, they appear on regular television slots, they sometimes arrive in the same envelope as the gas and electricity bills, they crowd the notice boards of post offices.

The 1,500,000 figure gained widespread acceptance when the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children, a voluntary organization created last year by the Justice Department, gave it semi-official credence. But great as the problem may be, there must be serious questions about the extent of what appears, at first

sight, to be a grotesque and terrible national disease.

What is a missing child? The Centre would include the 16-year-old who stays out all night and the child taken without permission for a day by a divorced parent. The child who runs away a dozen times in a year is likely to turn up in the statistics as 12 missing children. Other agencies say a child is not "missing" until he or she has been away for a given number of hours or days.

In the public mind, "missing" has come to mean "abduction", as though America's youngsters were under siege from shabby men in long raincoats. The vast majority of abductions are by divorced parents without custody rights.

Superintendent Daniel Mascoppe of the Illinois state police, who directs the state's widely-praised missing children programme, said: "To say there are 50,000 or 20,000 abductions by strangers each year is just not true. I'm not sure anyone could prove 6,000."

The national network of runaway and youth services said with unabashed certainty that more than a million runaway children with an average age of 15 are on the streets of America. Most were from middle class or upper class families. About 70 per cent were white, 20 per cent black. Over a third ran away because of incest and physical abuse.

Such data appears regularly in the newspapers, the magazines and television screens as though it were a proven fact. Only now are real efforts being made to establish accurate statistics.

The intense national interest in the issue of missing children has yielded definite results. There are now 525 shelters for runaway children in America, nearly a five-fold increase in a decade.

The Federal Government this year approved \$23 million of support for 260 of the shelters.

## Russians spurn arms conference

From Peter Nichols, Erice, Sicily

A delegation of Soviet nuclear scientists has so far failed to appear at a conference to devise disarmament projects.

The Soviet absence is a severe blow to this fifth of a series of annual meetings of well-known nuclear scientists which have given this little Sicilian town a unique place in scientific dialogue. The Soviet Union sent a delegation to the last two conferences here.

For this year, Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Foreign Minister, was given assurances at Helsinki last month by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze that the most prominent figures in Soviet science would attend. He was told that there would be 12 from the Soviet Union.

Addressing the conference yesterday, Signor Andreotti placed the blame for the Soviet absence on the disappearance in Rome on August 1 of a Soviet diplomat and expert on security, as well as on the highly publicized condition of law and order in this part of Sicily.

The Russians might have feared for the safety of their delegates because of the resurgence of Mafia activities.

The organizers believe the Russians may still be smarting from the disappearance in Madrid in April of Mr Vladimir Alexandrov, their principal expert on mathematical projections of the possible developments in nuclear war.

Signor Andreotti called for direct involvement of the international scientific community in the process of securing disarmament. They should do so, he said, by means of a total liberty of communication among themselves and strict association with the political and military authorities of their own countries.

The theme of the need for openness in the exchange of scientific information dominated most of the day.

Professor Edward Teller, the American scientist known as the father of the hydrogen bomb, spoke strongly against "the disastrous habit of secrecy".

He said: "Science can pursue peace only if facts are known. Without the facts, scientists are just as stupid as anyone else".

## 25 years of plastic carriers

## Inventor failed to bag profit

From Christopher Mossey, Stockholm

It is a symbol of the modern age, used every day in homes all over the world. It can be fashionable, it can be strong, reviled when weak; in Cambodia the Khmer Rouge used it as a means of execution.

In Sweden yesterday the plastic carrier bag celebrated its 25th birthday.

Mr William Hamilton, aged 71, now living in the southern Swedish town of Svalöv, claims to have been the brains behind one of the most useful of all modern inventions. He has just one regret: he was not able to patent the idea.

Thus it was that yesterday was a day of quiet reminiscence for the unsung hero of the supermarket age.

Mr Hamilton was born in the small town of Riseberga in Skane, Sweden's southernmost province. In 1929, aged 15, he left to seek his fortune in Texas, where he lived with an uncle. He became an American citizen, and a shoe salesman.

When the Second World War broke out, he returned to Sweden and became the Army's lightweight boxing champion.

Still hoping to make a fortune, he readopted his Swedish citizenship and im-



Mr William Hamilton: Unsung shopping hero.

ported American shoes. "It seemed like a great idea but I couldn't sell them," he said with a sigh. "They just didn't suit the Swedes."

He concentrated instead on selling shoe polish and fur coats. It was when Mr Ake Strom, a

friend who runs one of Sweden's best known chains of shoe retailers, complained that paper carrier bags always broke that Mr Hamilton says he thought of making plastic bags.

The first plastic bags were made by a Swedish company called Akertind and Rausing, and featured advertisements for Mr Strom's shoe stores and a hotel. In those days the bags were threaded with a string handle by pensioners.

The idea, says Mr Hamilton ruefully, spread around the world. "It was an original idea, we were first in the world with it. But I couldn't get a patent. It was just that it was such a simple idea, you see, it couldn't be registered."

London exhibition: Today marks the opening of a carrier bag exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum (Mark Porter writes). It is an entirely coincidental celebration of "witty, bright and jolly" carrier bags.

The exhibition, simply entitled "The Bag", features luridly-coloured carriers from the top stores in London, Paris, New York, Milan and Tokyo. Inspiration came from a similar exhibition in America five years ago - coincidentally during the 20th anniversary of Mr Hamilton's brainwave.

## Soviet troops to start Afghan drive

Islamabad (Reuters) - Soviet troops are moving in strength to south-east Afghanistan for what appears to be the start of a major offensive against Islamic guerrillas. Western diplomats and guerrilla sources said yesterday.

The diplomats said reports indicated the offensive would be around the rebel-besieged garrison town of Khost, near the Pakistan border.

Guerrilla Commander Jaluddin Haqqani said the troops wanted to open the rebel-controlled 37-mile road from Chamkani, half way between

ince, to Khost as part of their drive to block rebel supply routes.

Guerrilla sources said Soviet forces had bombed suspected guerrilla hideouts in the area, but this could not be independently confirmed.

This will be the third major Soviet offensive this summer after pushes through the Kunar Valley and the Panjshir Valley, north of the capital, Kabul.

Mr Haqqani, who claimed he commanded 10,000 guerrillas, said Soviet and Afghan government troops were gathering at Chamkani, half way between

Gardar and Khost, before launching the offensive. He said the guerrillas had taken up positions to meet the assault and had planted mines on the road to Khost.

Khost has been under rebel siege for most of the year.

Pakistan said eight Pakistanis were killed and 12 wounded yesterday when four Afghan jets bombed the Kurram area, just across the border with Pakia.

The Pakistani daily, Dawn, reported yesterday that eight other people were killed and 15 wounded by Afghan shelling in the area on Monday.

## Overcrowding crushes a state monopoly in Havana

From Alan Tomlinson, Havana

Jose-Luis Callado has been trying to find a new house for six years. He lives with his wife and son aged seven, 60 miles from work in Havana and would like to exchange his apartment for one in the capital.

Every week he scans the 250 or more small ads for housing exchanges in the consumer magazine *Opina*, if he can get a copy before it sells out soon after hitting the news-stands.

House-swapping has become such a ritual of Cuban life that a successful comedy film was made about it called *Permutaciones*.

"You go through a series of

what we call multiple swaps," said Señor Callado, aged 33, who works for an embassy.

It's quite common to see people talking to one or four parties at the same time, to get them together and finally satisfy each of their individual needs.

"It's like a puzzle. You've got to be a very good chess player to end up with what you want."

The accommodation shortage in Havana is so acute that after 25 years the communist Government has had to abandon its almost total monopoly of the housing market. A sweeping reform law introduced last month transfers home ownership from the state to its tenants.

The rents people pay effectively become mortgage payments, and the rent they have already paid is credited to their account.

The law allows individuals to rent out accommodation for the first time since the revolution. As the only landlord the state had pegged rents to a maximum of 10 per cent of the tenant's income; the new landlords can set whatever price the market will bear.

Cheap loans are being made available for home improvements and extensions, and 450,000 squatters are being given legal rights to the property they occupy.

Some Western diplomats believe the Government risks

creating a new landlord class, but housing officials disagree. "Nobody can own more than one home in Cuba, so nobody is going to get rich renting part of it," said the Housing Minister's legal director, Señor Rodolfo Davalo.

"Some people think it's a step backwards to authorize profit from housing, but the aim of the law is social. It doesn't endanger socialist principles."

With home ownership comes the responsibility of maintenance, a burden the state has been unable to bear. City housing is generally dilapidated: only 22 per cent is officially classified as in good or acceptable condition.

More than a million housing units have been built since 1959, roughly one for every 10 Cubans, but priority has been given to the countryside to discourage migration from the land.

The growth of slums and shanty towns which characterize so many Latin American capitals has been avoided, but overcrowding or ageing city buildings has been a result.

Young couples even when they marry often have to find somewhere away from home. It is not uncommon for them to live apart for the first years of married life. This has contributed to the high divorce rate: more than a third of Cuban marriages.



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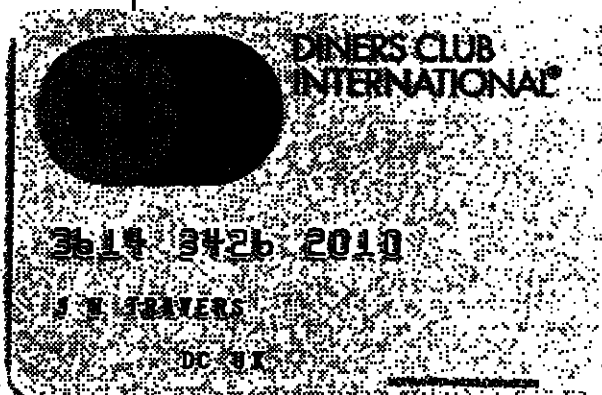
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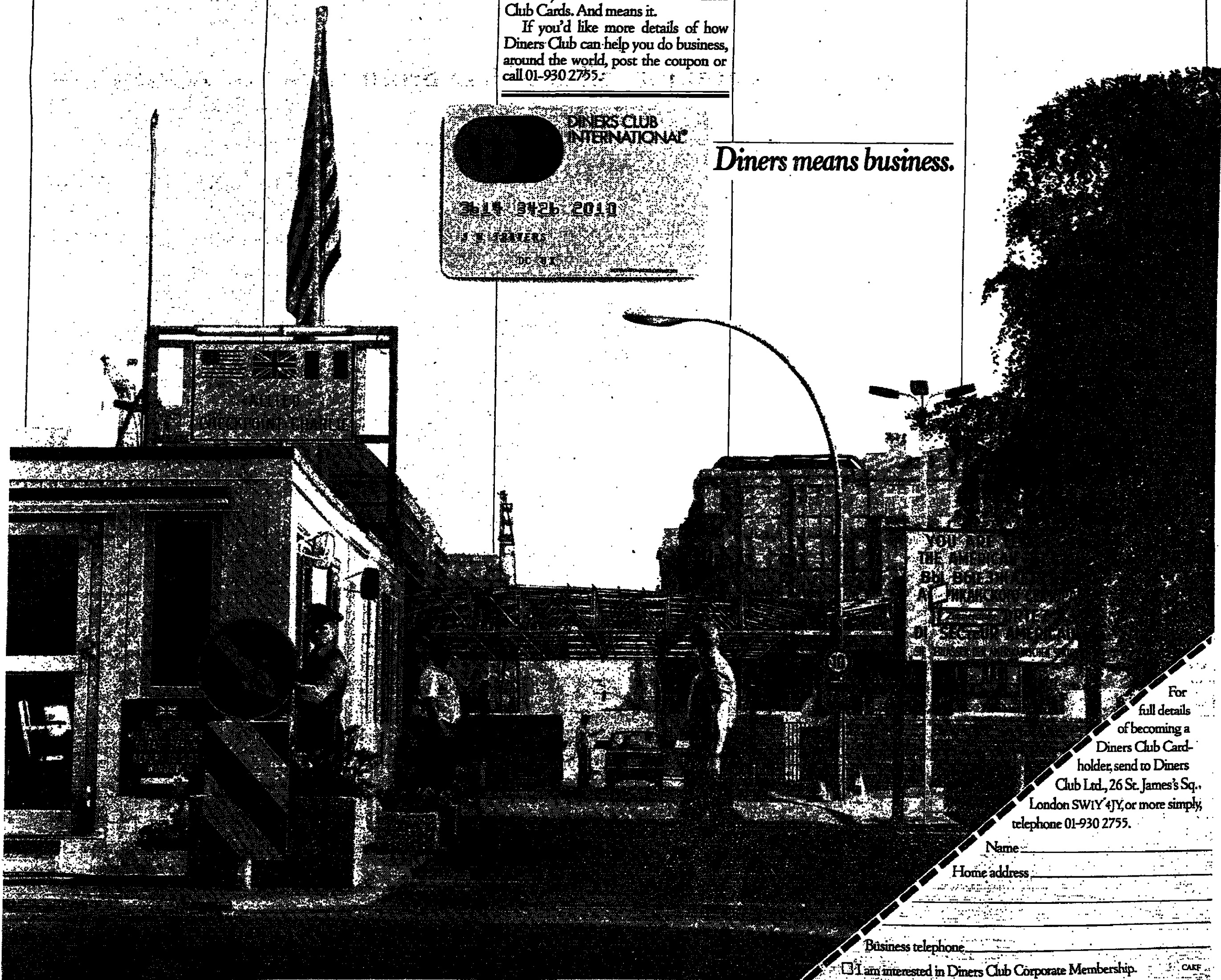
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## SPECTRUM

# Putting faith and hope back into charity

Fund-raising organizations are often criticized for wasting money on overheads. Rodney Tyler reports how sponsorship has helped one of them to pass on all its donations

Charity Projects is just a year old and has raised £110,000, nearly every penny of which – in contrast with the practice of many other better known, more prestigious organizations – went to the charity the public intended.

How do you create a charitable organization minus the familiar fund-raising overheads? Charity Projects has achieved it by taking sponsorship, the charity technique of the 1980s, to its ultimate conclusion. Everything it has and does, from salaries to business lunches, is sponsored, paid for beforehand so that it is not added on later as a hidden extra that cuts into the money destined for the good cause.

"Some of the big showbiz charity events never make a penny for charity", Jane Tewson, 27 and one of the organization's two coordinating directors, told me at her office in the Soho quarter of London. "It has reached the stage where charities just put them on for the PR they create, but the public and the stars, have become increasingly irritated by this."

## Proof you can raise millions without spending fortunes

"We were established on the premise that you get more out of both performers and public if they feel their time or their money is going directly to help the project on the ground. So far we have been proved right."

"And if they are giving in kind rather than money, there is almost no stopping them. On this principle she and her partner, Linda Batt-Rawden, 29, have so far persuaded

Elton John to be a pantomime dame to Sir John Gielgud's Goose King, Griff Rees-Jones and Mel Smith to dress up as women and advertise Harvey Nichols. The Prince of Wales to paint a mural in Battersea Park, and a host of other stars to perform totally free of charge.

It was Bob Geldof's achievement last month in raising £50 million for African famine victims through the Live Aid extravaganza that drew attention to spectacular fashion to what a whole new generation of charity-minded young people have been aiming at for some time, the reburning of what had become the somewhat tarnished link between showbusiness and charity fund-raising by proving that you can raise millions without spending fortunes.

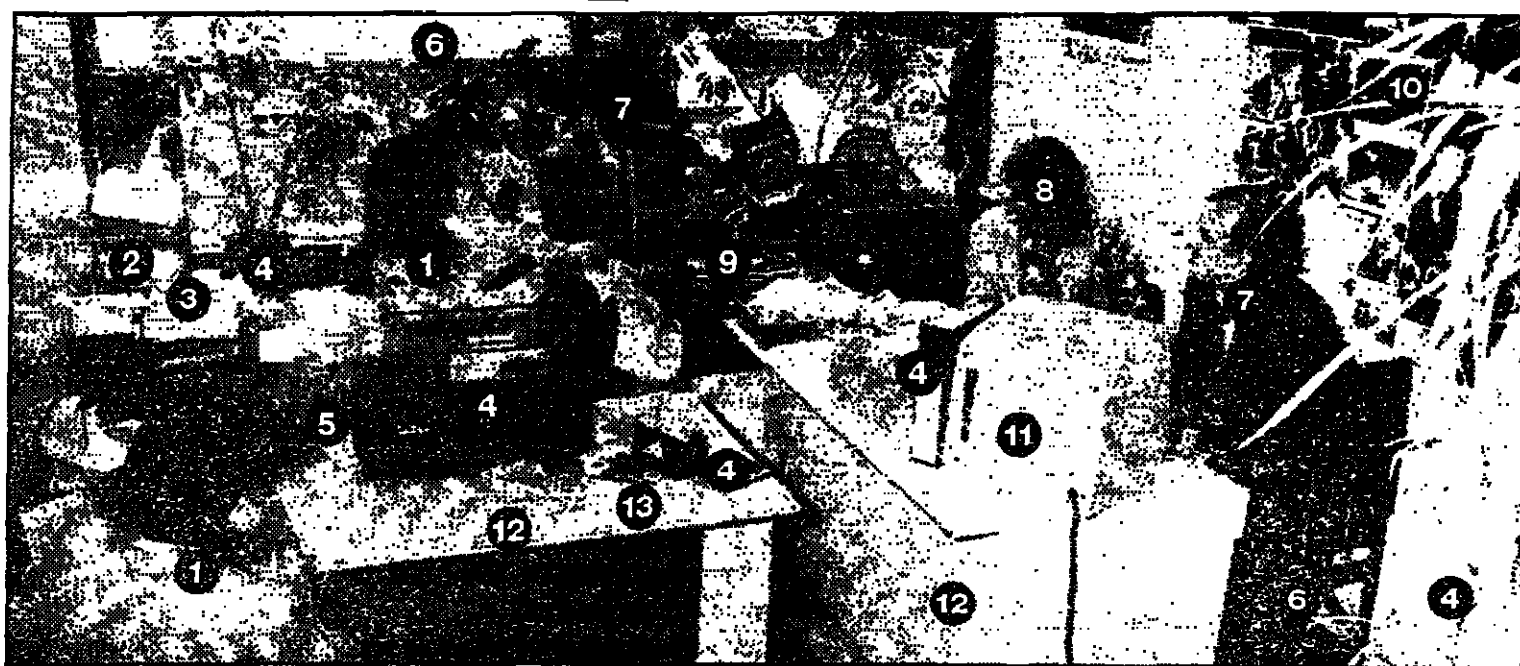
The names Bob Hope and Diana Ross are as respected as any who took part in Geldof's world-wide spectacular, yet, through little fault of their own, they have become associated in the public mind with large-scale charity mismanagement.

In their case they lent their names to multi-million dollar "charity" schemes that ended, through a combination of others' naivety, stupidity or plain greed, in losses and comparatively little going to the deserving causes.

Boiling leaves, or has left, such a nasty or lasting taste in the public mouth as the feeling that its original impulse to do good was subsequently squandered, and the bad publicity attached to these two cases has been a contributory factor in a growing reluctance by people to pull out their purses and by companies to dip into their coffers in a good cause.

Many organizations had therefore been working towards charity without overheads for some time.

Jane's £12,000 salary is paid for until the end of this year by Tim Bell, vice-chairman of the advertis-



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ing agency Lowe Howard Spink; Linda's, along with the phone bills, and routine postage, comes from a sponsorship fund led by Barclays and NatWest Banks, GEC and the Charities Aid Foundation; their tiny office comes from two film and broadcasting companies, their £3,300 computer from Zenith, their car from British Car Auctions.

Business lunches are always in the office, with Marks & Spencer or Sainsbury's providing the wine and sandwiches.

Just how effective this removal of administrative costs can be was demonstrated in February this year at the London Palladium, where a Sunday night charity show called Farmyard Follies, starring Griff

Rhys Jones, Mel Smith, Rowan Atkinson, Peter Cook, Alan Bennett and many more, was put on for an audience including Princess Anne.

Not only did all the performers give their services free, so did all the production staff. Even the soap and towels in the dressing-rooms were sponsored, as were the food and drinks.

"So many charities hire a theatre for £10,000, not realizing that their costs could end up at twice that unless they are careful", says Jane.

"Then they have a party to thank everyone afterwards, and suddenly all their profits have gone. Our party venue and, as in the theatre, the food and drinks, were sponsored. The accounts of Farmyard Follies

show costs of £10,945.52, of which £8,531 was for the theatre in unavoidable costs. At this point, enter Data General, an American electronics company anxious to establish an image over here.

In exchange for liberal, though often ribald, mentions of their name in the comic sketches, they underwrote the costs to the tune of £9,000.

gave their senior management a marvellous night out with an opportunity to meet Princess Anne, impressed a number of their customers whom they invited along, and established a name for themselves as generous benefactors. "I doubt if the company has ever spent £9,000 better", says Data General's Alex Munro.

Indeed, so happy was the company with the evening that it has formed a more permanent liaison with the principal charity beneficiary, Home Farm Trust, and has committed itself to raising a six-figure sum for it next year.

Sponsorship towards the theatre costs did not end with Data General, however. Companies such as Harvey Nichols, Heineken, Virgin Atlantic and Punch were persuaded to pay £750 a time for 30-second "live" advertisements performed by the cast during breaks between sketches, and in one sketch, set in a restaurant, members of the audience paid £200 a time to have their names mentioned and a gong rung. These ideas brought in £5,750.

## They expect to double their takings next year

Charity Projects is also helping other charities. "Not only do we help small charities to overcome things we can provide a data base of vital information about whom to approach, how to do things – and how not to – for other, bigger charities", says Jane.

"There are enormous untapped resources of goodwill out there. I hope we can lead the way to change the public's attitude towards charities."

The two women are already planning 1986. They are having talks, for example, with a woman who wants to organize a "Singalong" in the Albert Hall in which, it is her dream, that one half of the audience will be humming "Ne-na Ne-na Naa-Naa" while the other half sings "I'm Singing In The Rain" and they expect to be able almost to double the total money they have raised this year.

"If we can find £55,000 to keep us and the office going in 1986, we shall raise £200,000", says Jane. "That's a promise". © Times Newspapers Limited, 1985

## When private care goes wrong

Patients with grievances against the National Health Service are, in some senses, lucky. However inadequate, inefficient or apparently biased against the patient, statutory complaints procedures do exist.

If you do not like the way your GP has treated you, the local family practitioner committee is obliged to hear your case. If you object to hospital treatment or the way it was given the health authority must investigate. Details of administrative bungles can be sent via your MP for the ombudsman to investigate. And in all these cases the community health council is there to advise you.

The five million or so people with private care insurance and the further two million who consult privately without such cover, are not so fortunate. No system for hearing complaints exists for them. Often the only course is to take the hospital or specialist to court. But while families may be happy to find a couple of hundred pounds a year for health insurance, few can afford major legal costs, and applications for legal aid are likely to fail.

Complaints against doctors can cause the most despair. Quite legitimately, BUPA and PPP (and other organizations which provide insurance) and hospitals or nursing homes can wash their collective hands of any accusations of negligence or medical incompetence against a surgeon.

The reason is simple. When you opt to consult a particular specialist, often on your GP's recommendation, your contractual obligations are with him or her, alone. Organizations like BUPA, and the hospital you attend, do not employ any of the specialists directly and are not liable if things go medically wrong.

A spokesman for BUPA says: "We just pay the bills. We cannot interfere with the doctor/patient relationship." Hospitals, on the other hand, merely rent out the facilities and provide nursing cover. If anything goes wrong it is up to you and your specialist to sort it out.

Dr Peter Ford, of the Medical Protection Society (one of the medical profession's defence organizations), admits that there is a gap in the system. "Patients can raise the matter directly with the doctor, but because there is no statutory mechanism I doubt they will get far."

"They can grizzle to their MP and they can complain to the General Medical



Council – but the latter route will only be satisfactory if there is a *prima facie* case to answer", he says. As a spokesman for the GMC put it: "An error of diagnosis or treatment will not necessarily be regarded as an indication of professional misconduct."

Dr Ford has another couple of suggestions. "Patients are more likely to make progress if they go to a solicitor or send their cases to Esther Rantzen."

He adds: "The vast majority of specialists who treat patients privately do it brilliantly. There are circumstances where things are less than satisfactory. I do think that the GMC and other responsible medical bodies should look at the quality of service in private medicine more closely."

Although some private patients may feel vindicated, only if they see their surgeon struck off the register when there are problems, many more would be satisfied if they knew a few more medical details and why the problems might have arisen. But for this, patients need to have access to their medical notes. In theory these belong to the surgeon and can be forced from his hand only by a court order.

This is an area of considerable concern. One woman who had a problem with the private sector at the end of December is still

waiting for acknowledgement of her letter requesting access to her notes. There is a school of medical thought that patients will be confused by their notes and will gain nothing from seeing them.

Dr Ford believes that these anxieties could be allayed more readily if the notes were released to a third party – nominated by the patient – who could interpret them. If the patient does not know another consultant, solicitors should approach one of the royal colleges or the British Medical Association for a name.

The flaw in the system is whether the third party will be trusted. Patients with complaints tend to develop jaundiced views of the medical profession and believe other doctors cannot be fully independent: the "shutters come down and they protect each other."

Some people with private health insurance might be interested in extending their house insurance and have a legal protection policy. For less than £10 a year, a whole family can be protected against legal costs in the region of £5,000 if you opt for an unlimited policy, the premium will range from between £30 and £60.

Patients who object to the quality of services provided by hospitals – from food and laundry to nursing care (or even medical care, if the complaint is against a resident doctor directly employed by the hospital) – will probably be more content at the end of proceedings.

Mary Anne Hodson, administrator of the Garden Hospital, Harrow, says that justifiable complaints would lead to a reduction in the bill. "We prefer patients to complain while they are in hospital so that we can put matters right immediately."

Further assistance, but of a limited kind, should be available for patients early next year with the launch of a Private Health Consumers Association, the brain-child of Hugh Elwell, consultant to the private health care industry. The focus of the association – which will have a membership fee of about £15 a year – will be a quarterly newsletter.

Mr Elwell hopes that it will "help individual patients negotiate their way through the Byzantine system of private care, to understand how it works and to unravel what level of cover their policy provides".

Olivia Timbs

When a Jasmine Beckford or a Tyra Henry is battered to death while under the special care of the community, the elaborate inquiries that follow sometimes concentrate more on expiating guilt than uncovering the facts.

More than a year after Jasmine's death, and after nine bitter weeks of hearings (costing more, it is said, than the entire national budget for training social workers to cope with child abuse), the inquiry is still months away from publishing its conclusions. The rituals following Tyra's murder may drag on as long.

During the summer's interminable Beckford hearings, simmering with painful recriminations, one figure became the focus for many of the hopes and suspicions of the groups involved – the handsome, assured Russell Profit, Brent Council's chief race relations adviser and appointed as its adviser to the inquiry panel.

Some blacks came to regard him as a kind of ombudsman over the intensely sensitive issues of race and council-fostering policies that arose. One hostile witness declared that he seemed to dominate the proceedings. The panel, while finding him impeccably useful, were sufficiently sensitive to his power that they insisted Profit should stay behind in the committee room when they retired to deliberate in private.

The case became more highly charged when Profit, 35, was selected as the Labour Party candidate for Lewisham East in May. This plunged him into much wider controversy as the NEC's ban. In one case, an existing black section, voluntarily stood aside; in another, it is alleged, though stoutly denied, that the candidate took strenuous behind-the-scenes steps to ensure that his credentials should be unassailable.

The controversy over black sections runs deep and is sure to cause a major clash at the Labour Party conference in the autumn.

"I'm worried: the attention focused on this has swamped

## Black power battle facing Labour

The selection of Russell Profit as a parliamentary candidate has highlighted a bitter dispute over black separatism



Profit: assured and forceful

receives to speak up and down the country, he would be attending 20 meetings a night.

Lewisham's defiance was calculated, and put the national leadership in a quandary. Profit is an eminently acceptable candidate in a winnable seat. He would certainly have been elected even if the black section representatives had stood aside. The national party has power to suspend a local party and organize its own selection process, but this would raise a furor among its black supporters. To accept the *fait accompli* would be to concede a point of principle which Labour leader Neil Kinnock has asserted with great force, and would arouse fears among some minority groups.

Profit is the only one among the first handful of members of racial minority groups selected to fight Labour in recent weeks to defy the NEC's ban. In one case, an existing black section, voluntarily stood aside; in another, it is alleged, though stoutly denied, that the candidate took strenuous behind-the-scenes steps to ensure that his credentials should be unassailable.

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the debate we should be having about increasing awareness of racism in the party and overcoming it", says Sheffield council Labour leader David Blunkett.

Many blacks, however, see the denial of official status as an implicit denial that they matter in the party. Marc Wadsworth, a long-standing black activist, points significantly to some 35 marginals where a campaign of non-cooperation might spoil Labour's chances. "A Labour Party without our voice is a party not worth having in government", he says. "This could lose Kinnock the next general election – we have nothing to lose."

Russell Profit arrived in Britain at the age of 13, after his mother, following a pattern traditional at that time. She came here alone and worked at any unskilled job she could obtain until she could afford to bring Russell and his two brothers to England, to receive the secondary education they had little hope of in Guyana.

Today, for a man at the centre of so intense a conflict,

Russell Profit appears to be disarmingly relaxed and free of rancour. He comments in diplomatic terms on the NEC's recent rejection of a compromise over black sections. "The NEC finds itself in a particularly difficult position, but it has not been exposed to the debate taking place in the constituencies, so I think it is still out of touch with real feelings."


Most of the newly-selected racial minority candidates come from backgrounds where it was natural for them to go to college. They often turned to the law, like Praful Patel (Brent North), Keith Vaz (Leicester East) and Paul Boateng (Brent South). Profit and Bernard Grant (Tottenham) are the only ones from less privileged backgrounds though Profit is less of a grass roots politician than Grant.

The brilliant, evocative and ambitious Boateng is probably the best known of the group, and the huge Labour majority in his constituency makes him almost certain to become at the next election, one of the first non-white MPs to enter the Commons for more than 50 years. But at least one candid and judicious observer considers Profit to be basically more intelligent than Boateng, with better judgment.

His wife, Lesley, is a teacher, and they live in South London with their two daughters, Emily (12) and Abigail (10), in a terraced house which is tidy but bare, as if everybody in it is too busy to amass trinkets.

The heavy schedules of the Beckford hearings prevented Profit from following the end-of-season fortunes of Tottenham Hotspur last season ("He is one of the most vocal people on the terrace I know", says Nigel Sookoo, chairman of the Lewisham East black section. "If his performance there is anything to go by, Mrs Thatcher will be having some noisy question times once he gets into the Commons."

George Hill



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## On the trail of the sporting slug

Forget the Glorious Twelfth and seasons yet to open. The West Country slug hunt has been under way for weeks. My first-night bag was 140 assorted slugs and snails. A hunt two days later yielded about 200. The same week I scored another 128, but in an exciting finish a friend pipped me with 134.

This is a sport that could sweep the country. It's already quite the thing for dinner guests hereabouts to line up for torch, bag and scoop as soon as coffee and the after-dinner mints have gone round.

Personally, I favour a trowel for detaching quarry from landscape. Radio 4's gardening expert Geoffrey Smith prefers the pin-on-stick approach, but he hasn't explained how to get 'em off the pin.

I used to herd the gastropods little beasts on to a spread-out Times (not recommended in a high wind). But

**FIRST PERSON**  
Jean Moore

slugs and snails, contrary to received wisdom, move fast. I had constantly to beat back freedom-seekers.

One could be distracted by the game's variety: you have orange and cream slugs, your black, your grey and your brindle. The champion (so far) measured five inches at full stretch.

Yes, I have tried using slug pellets on the ground. They have those for hors-d'oeuvres, then devour my bean seedlings. Well-organised hordes demolish bedding plants; cornflower clumps provide a day nursery. They laugh at beer-in-a-jar "slug-pub" traps and get healthy exercise hopping across sharp ashes.

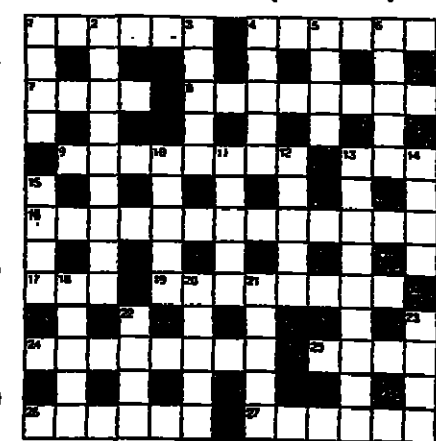
"Course, you'll never beat 'em in the countryside", said my wordily-wise neighbour. "My sister-in-law won, but she lived in a London suburb. Up at five every morning, scoop 'em into a bag, then across the main road to empty the lot on a council rubbish tip. A few months of that did the trick – she's not seen since."

Here, on this eighth-of-an-acre plot, the fight goes on. When I think I'm winning, another evening of tally-ho dispels the illusion. I find that a new generation has emerged.

Rain and moonlight encourage them. Wellies and water-proofs have been useful additional gear this season; I may yet need that doctored barley-water. Usually, though, our hunting party's après-chasse tipple is beer or cider. Much better than wasting it in "slug pubs".

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# With added goodness?

Health-conscious shoppers, worried about the chemical additives in their food, have sparked a minor revolution in Britain's supermarkets. Suzanne Greaves reports

It's the child who screams at night and breaks into temper tantrums by day, hyperactive or just plain naughty? Does the executive who snatches a Chinese take-away lunch only to develop a searing headache, suffer from too much monosodium glutamate or merely company pressure?

However tempted the sceptics might be to discount the modern tendency towards a pseudo-medical vocabulary, more and more doctors are endorsing the theory that what we eat affects the way we live.

Responding to consumer clamour for information on what goes into a tin of baked beans or a bottle of squash, the supermarket giants are racing each other to give shoppers full details of the nutritional content of every item on the shelves.

They have begun the Ministry of Agriculture which this autumn will finally publish details of voluntary labelling of sugars, fibre, salt, saturated and polyunsaturated fats. They are ahead of an EEC directive which by July 1986 will require additive labelling on the food we buy, although knowing the difference between additive E102, E105, E321 and a score of others will require a copy of the best-selling *E for additives* by Maurice Hanssen (Thorsons's £2.95) in your hand as you peruse the supermarket shelves.

In a pat on the back for its readers, the industry's own weekly paper *Supermarket* has given awards to Tesco, Sainsbury's, Co-operative Retail Stores and Argill (Presto Stores) for their respective initiatives in removing additives or encouraging healthy eating.

"There is no doubt," says Clare Walker, the editor, "that the major chains have taken the lead to remove potentially harmful additives from their own-label products. They are well aware of the increasing customer concern about additives and the demand for healthier, more natural foods and are responding to them."

"But it is not a straightforward question of removing all additives because without certain preservatives the housewife would find goods more expensive with a shorter shelf life and less appealing appearance. Finding suitable substitutes is a time consuming and costly business for the major multiples."

Although some shoppers may be dismayed to find the new-style cans of peas are rather a pale shade of green and the orange squash looks rather like lemon because particular additives have been removed, shoppers at Sainsbury's are apparently delighted at this turn of events.

Sainsbury's have removed 51 of their own-brand foods from the shelves, having been bombarded by the unusually high rate of 100 letters a month from concerned shoppers and parents. They are looking at ways of taking out additives thought to cause problems among sensitive youngsters and adults, but as many popular foods like fish fingers contain additives, the research involved is long and costly.

Recent research at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children has linked hyperactivity and migraine with food additives, and colourings in particular. And it was mainly lobbying by the Hyperactive Children's Support Group, formed in 1977, that led Sainsbury's to remove the products from their shelves.

The outburst which the reports of the National Advisory Committee on Nutrition Education and the Committee of Medical Aspects on Food Policy received highlighted the concern most of us have about the food we eat.

In a Gallup poll conducted for Tesco, who have pioneered simple nutritional labelling on own brands by symbols, 72 per cent of informants were concerned about eating healthily and only 29 per cent believed there was adequate information provided on packs.

Bejam, the freezer chain, anxious to dispel the myth that freezing destroys goodness, commissioned an NOP poll last December and found that 61 per cent of housewives were making a deliberate effort

to improve their family's diet, while 41 per cent said they read the nutritional information given on food packs.

Concern over what we eat is nothing new. Queen Victoria enjoyed wholesome bread in 1870 and Kellogg's Cornflakes, launched this century, were originally marketed as a health food. But increased leisure, working wives and a greater choice of foods have heightened our interest in health. Even so, our understanding of what additives are and what their removal may mean in terms of extra costs worries some supermarket chiefs.

Sainsbury's, who have told their buyers not to purchase from companies which use additives unless necessary, found in a survey that many consumers thought all additives were harmful. Robin Whitbread, their marketing director, says: "The consumer is already confused by the conflicting reports on which food is healthy and which is not. The truth is that most foods are not harmful if they form part of a balanced diet. But to ensure the right balance we need to know what foods contain."

Customers at some major Co-operative Retail Stores have this summer been finding out their ideal balanced meal using a touch-sensitive information screen which is part of a healthy food exhibition touring the country. By feeding in information before touring the store, shoppers get specific help with their diet - and this no doubt adds to sales.

Marks and Spencer have a policy of using as few additives as possible, but since many of their goods are fresh their problem is perhaps not so acute as that of the large household chains. Even so, the success of free-range eggs has taken everyone by surprise.

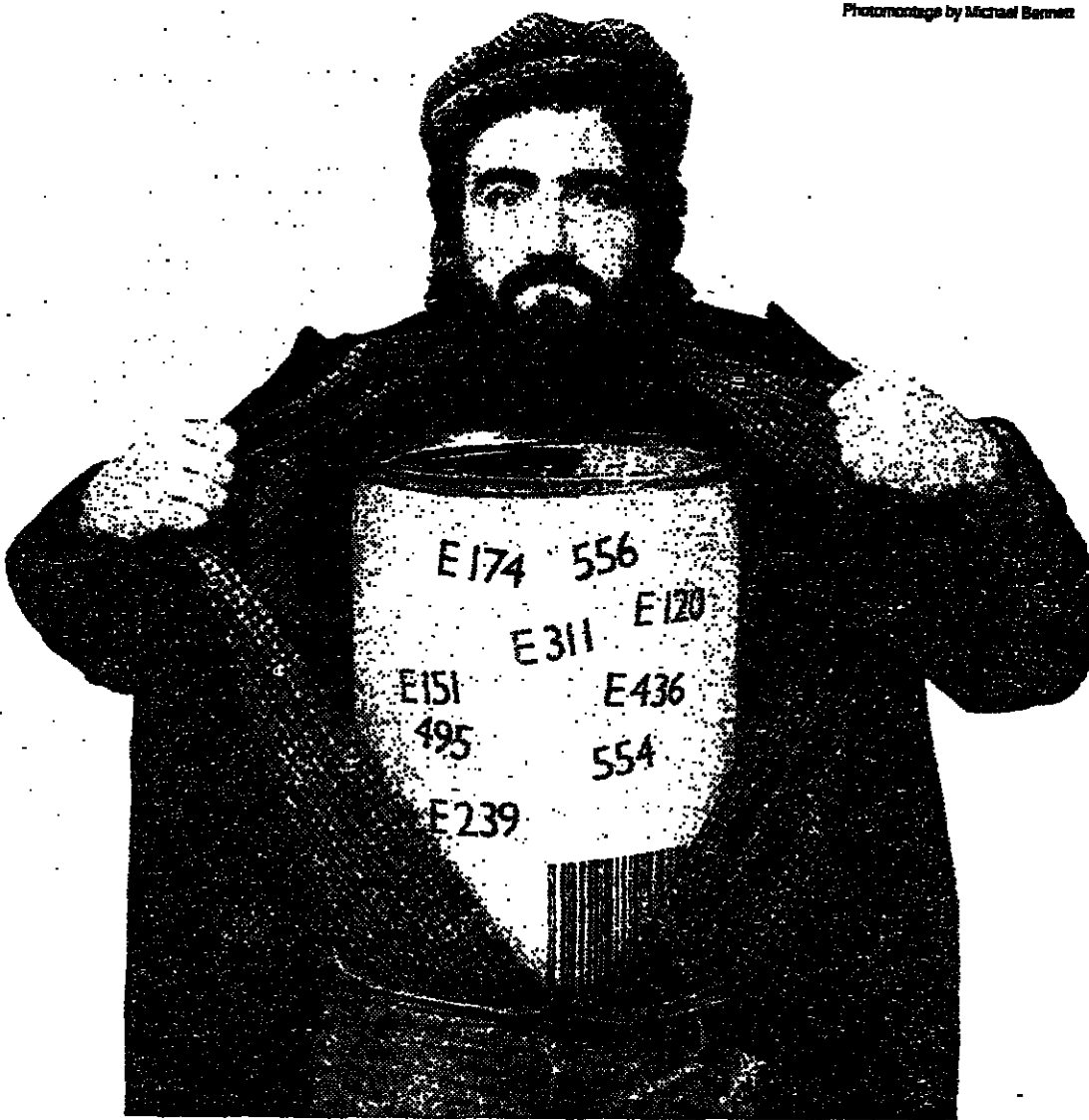
Shoppers are particularly concerned to cut down on salt and sugar - we each consume 100lb of sugar a year, Aubrey Sheilham, professor of dentistry at University College London, says. "Many parents have no idea how much sugar they are giving their babies in common foods such as Ribena and rusks."

This is why Tim Mason, who launched the Tesco healthy eating campaign, is currently anxious about the sugar content of best-selling blackcurrant drinks. "Some commodities will look different once certain additives are removed," he says. "But I am aware this is a step we have to take because parents are concerned. This is reflected in the high number of requests put to our consumer advisory service, customers detailed nutritional information on our products."

The Tesco campaign, which has cost £250,000 in literature and relabelling, is a company priority, but Mr Mason is concerned that some manufacturers are dragging their feet on the additive question. "A typical case is where a manufacturer of a pie, for example, is asked by one chain to produce a crispier pastry. So an additive is used to get this effect. Another chain will ask for a variation in flavour. This will be done, but without questioning why unnecessary additives remain in the pie. We have had to take a strong line on this."

It is the supermarket staff who are at the sharp end of customer pressure. The biggest concern seems to be tartrazine, E102, which provides the colour in many processed foods including fish fingers and squashes. It has been known to produce skin rashes, streaming noses, hay fever, breathing problems and even wakefulness in small children. Yet as author Maurice Hanssen cautions: "Although perhaps one in 10 people will find the yellow colour tartrazine does not suit them, nine out of 10 will find it does."

This is the problem that besets the food manufacturers who make enormous amounts of goods for a wide range of customers. The Food Manufacturers Federation, whose director general is Falklands Commander Sir Jeremy Moore, say they have been working with the Ministry of Agriculture towards a common labelling programme.



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They are concerned that consumers are given unbiased information about their food. "But if nutritional labelling is to be meaningful, it should apply to fresh food too," explained a spokesman, "and it should apply to food served in catering establishments."

The thought of picking up an à la carte menu in a top restaurant only to see a list of nutritional contents alongside each dish is awesome indeed. It is not a trend that British restaurants have any thought of following, but it is one that is partly reflected in the 880 industrial catering units operated at work places by Sutcliffe's, the contract caterers.

Under the guidance of nutritionist Dr Juliet Gray, they launched a healthy eating programme this year, asking their catering staff to produce meals that reflect concern about fat, salt and fibre content. Local authorities who still run school meals, notably Staffordshire and Somerset, use a points system heavily loaded in favour of nutritious foods in their school canteens.

Although some may accuse the food industry of being slow to act, it was noticeable at a Food for Health conference organized this spring by Manchester University, that the big names were present and concerned to know how the conference findings might affect their own development plans.

Smedleys, Cadbury, United Biscuits and Heinz were among delegates. Some have already taken a closer look at their products. Wall's, the sausage makers, who saw total tonnage in the sausage market fall by 2 per cent last year because of concern about fat content, are now removing fat from main sausage lines.

While some manufacturers wait for a ministry ruling, bodies such as the Health Education Council, the Coronary Prevention Group and Women's Institutes have lobbied MPs. The result is that food labelling has become a political issue.

In March, the Labour Party announced that food policy had become a priority. The party's front bench spokesman Dr Jeremy Bray denounced Conservative policies on food and health as "chaotic, pointless, perverse and out of date".

Conservative MPs, no doubt cheered by the fact that the Prime Minister is by training a food scientist, put agriculture minister Michael Jopling under pressure and in March he announced that food labels would in due course carry details of fat content and that animal breeders would be encouraged to produce leaner meat.

But the right to know what is in the food we eat should transcend politics. To be a healthy nation a common labelling policy has to be agreed. The right to choose should be the prerogative of the ordinary shopper.

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## How to decipher those vital food clues

Consumption of food additives has quadrupled in the past decade and recent estimates suggest that we each eat 11lb of them per year. Most have been safety tested, but some are consumed in such small quantities that testing would be almost impossible.

No one can be certain of the long-term effects of such compounds. Little is known about how the cocktail of additives in different foods interact with each other.

Deciphering the information displayed on tins and cartons is not easy, but there are some clues. Food labelling regulations introduced in 1983 forced most food manufacturers to list ingredients in decreasing order by weight. This can reveal eye-opening information. Drinking chocolate, for example, often contains more sugar than cocoa, and in packet soup the amount of vegetables frequently comes a poor third to sugar and salt.

Some additives are listed under the large umbrella "flavours", while others are given specific chemical names. The 162 chemicals authorized by the EEC appear as E numbers.

Colours: There are 45 permitted colours which can be used in any concentration. The EEC allows 40 colours ranging from E100 to E180. Food colour is banned in raw meat, poultry and fish, tea, coffee and milk.

Preservatives: Once crops are harvested and animals slaughtered, they rapidly begin to deteriorate. Almost all processed foods that contain chemical preservatives. The EEC permits 43, listed from E200 to E290.

Emulsifiers: Almost all processed foods that contain fat-based and water-based ingredients have an emulsifier to bind the two together, and a stabilizer to maintain the emulsion. Emulsifiers are used extensively in margarine, bread, ice-cream, chocolate and sweets.

Other categories of additives include flavour enhancers (like monosodium glutamate), antioxidants (preservatives that prevent oily foods tasting rancid), and modified starches (natural starches from products like corn or potato).

Susan Ellis

## I've got Georgia on my mind

In the third of our series Jessye Norman, the opera singer, recalls childhood feasts eaten at fresco



### THE GUEST COOK

- 450ml (¾ pint) plain yoghurt
- 8 tablespoons mustard, preferably Meaux
- 8 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 to 4 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 2 to 3 tablespoons tarragon vinegar
- Freshly ground black pepper

Disjoint the chickens, removing the skin and fat, and cut them into serving pieces. Put the pieces in a dish large enough to hold them all. Squeeze the juice from the lemons and sprinkle it over the chicken pieces.

Combine the yoghurt, mustard, oil, basil, onion, vinegar and pepper and mix well. Pour the mixture over the chicken, turning the pieces so that all are coated with the marinade. Refrigerate them for approximately 24 hours. Note that the marinade contains no salt; it is better to add it after cooking so that the juices are drawn from the chicken.

Allow the chicken to come to room temperature before cooking it over charcoal. Depending on the size of the pieces, the chicken needs 10 to 15 minutes on each side. Aim to have it ready 20 minutes or so before it is to be served, then it will not be so hot that it cannot be eaten with the fingers, as it should be.



At fresco: a 19th century American picnic

## Alien II, the woman in beige and peach

I speak as one of the great unchic. Those of us who throw on a stunning combination of autumnal colours and look like a dishevelled brute. There are thousands of us sloping around the supermarkets with holes in our tights just above the knee, unable to buy anything from the top shelves.

I have always marvelled at the abilities of what seems to me to be a different category of woman altogether: the chic, efficient variety, the peach and oatmeal flower of womanhood.

You know the sort of woman I mean. Everything about the way she looks tells you what a mess you are. She can wear a hat without looking as if she's trying it on.

She lives in a well-ordered house and doesn't mind who looks in her fridge. Neither does she have to rush upstairs and make panicky adjustments to the bedroom when she sees the window cleaner. Her children are cleaner than yours and never need a poo. She speaks nicely to them at all times, particularly sweetly when you are yelling raucously at yours. If provoked she may say to them mildly, "Don't do that, darling," but she never, never lifts them by the lapels, pins them against the wall and threatens them with physical violence.

When she shops she never leaves her purse at home and always has enough cash when she gets to the check-out. She's always right behind you when you discover you are £10 short at the great Reckoning Up and have to begin the painful process of sorting out the things



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you are desperate for from the things you merely need. She has mastered the art of the condescending smile, and uses it on you when you dig in your pockets for small change.

She showers every morning and there is something about her which makes you feel positively unwashed, something not due entirely to her being cleaner than you. You know just by looking at her that she has a current television licence and she throws her knickers away before they get holes in them. You suspect her of doing a lot of good in the community.

Now you and I know all this is not really possible. We know that an effort it is to keep ourselves and our families clean and fed and can't look any better in the circumstances.

I realize now that these women are in fact aliens from another planet and I can't think why it's taken me so long to find out. It's obvious when you think about it: how can they possibly have the same handicap as the rest of us and look so much better than we do? They're extra-terrestrials, that's how. They go home at night, plug themselves into the mains and then do in half an hour what it would take you and I half the night to accomplish.

They are easy to spot, once you know what you're looking for. Their hair never needs washing and the elements can make no impression on it. Blasting gales, driving rain, dense fog, typhoons, blizzards, droughts and lightning bolts alike, they need only toss their heads and every hair is back where it ought to be. Uncanny, I call it. I wouldn't dream of tossing my head for fear of looking quite deranged.

I have surmised from the contents of their shopping baskets that they live almost entirely on grapefruit, mushrooms and Camembert cheese. Baked beans, fish fingers and sausages, on the other hand, must play havoc with their printed circuits. What they feed their children on I cannot imagine.

It only remains to discover what they have been sent here to do. I think their mission is to infiltrate the Housewives' Register as a preliminary to taking over the world. Then we shall all be given compulsory reading lists and forced to

discuss the changing role of women in society three times a week.

It's obvious that the peach and oatmeal people are here to stay. The question is, how can we co-exist without being repeatedly demoralized by their Vogue-like appearance? We must adopt a more positive attitude to our dishevelled mental and physical state. What does it matter if we ruin a perfectly good article of clothing by wearing it? Or if we can't spot a matching co-ordinate unless Marks and Spencer point it out for us? If we find ourselves unaccountably in rust and lime green one morning we must not stink apologetically about trying to manoeuvre things so that our top and bottom halves are never in view simultaneously. We must come out from behind the fixtures and show them how little we care about the mysterious concussions around our ankles, reach up to those top shelves and to hell with the consequences.

And maybe, if we spent less mental energy wondering how on God's earth we ever thought we'd look OK in the assortment of clothes we jumped into that morning, we would remember which day of the week it was and where we parked the car.

After all, just because we sometimes look a bit unhipped doesn't mean there is anything fundamentally wrong with our hinges. How do we know what sort of hinges Oatmeal Woman is fitted with?



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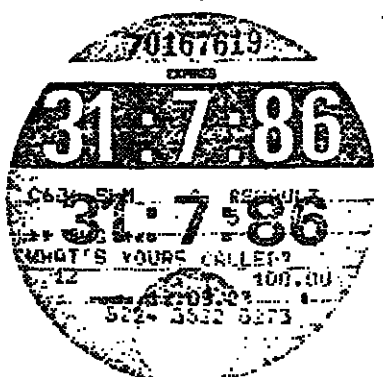
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## Contracting out?

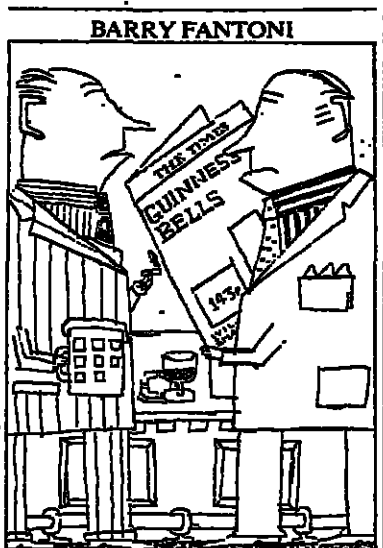
Here's news to make Arthur Scargill apoplectic. The Mineworkers' Pension Fund, according to its annual report out today, is indirectly financing the Conservative Party. Of the 50 companies in which the £3 billion fund invested most heavily last year, 18 made donations to Tory coffers to the tune of £576,000. For example, £13.3 million in Rael, which gave the Tories £75,000; £19 million in Glaxo, which gave £35,000; £11.6 million in Plessey which gave £55,000; £13 million in Distillers, which gave £50,000; and £10.6 million in Trust House Forte, which gave £40,000. The fund is - or at least was - jointly administered by the National Coal Board and the NIMM. The NIMM, however, is currently refusing to appoint members to sit on the committee of management until its leaders are indemnified against the costs incurred in a High Court action brought against them by the Coal Board last year. The cause of the action? Scargill's insistence that the fund jettison all oil stocks, all foreign investments, and invest in any company with South African links.

## Called back

At least someone at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre has a sense of humour. A Rastafarian recently brought a new Renault 5 (currently being advertised above a "What's Yours Called?" slogan), applied for a tax disc, and got this back. The DVLC is not amused. It has recalled the licence as invalid, identified the culprit, and severely cautioned him.



● A woman with an upper-crust accent was overheard at a cocktail party last night saying she was all in favour of BR graduates being kept on: "How else would one stop second-class passengers going into first-class compartments?"



"Nigel's doing terribly well. He used to be a stockbroker, now he's a copywriter."

## Sure fire

The former landlord of the Helyar Arms at East Coker, Somerset, has rated on one of his former customers, helicopter king Alan Bristow, to win our ninth bottle of champagne in the Diary's quest for stories about the famous before they became well known. Frank Waite, now of Cheltenham, writes: "Not for the first time has Alan Bristow fallen out with Westland." He recently abandoned an £89 million takeover bid for the company. "In the early post-war period, Bristow was a test pilot for them. He got so fed up with a director that he rang him from one side of the airport at Yeovil to say he was coming across to his office to thump him and did just that. To the delight of his fellow test pilots. He was, of course, fired. Success followed and Bristow is now a millionaire." Yesterday Bristow confirmed the tale - "But no one has ever printed the sequel to say why I punched him." Libel, Mr Bristow, libel.

## Shell shock

When guests are served with escargots at dinner parties given by Foreign Office minister Tim Renton and his wife Alice at their Sussex home, may I suggest that they avoid the old "Delicious darling, how did you do it?" Mrs Renton raises snails for human consumption in her garden, and serves them to guests after fattening them for a week in upturned flower pots. She then pops them into boiling water, which, she claims, is a speedy death.

## Underbenchers

They found them at Brooks's. They found them at the Cafe Royal. Now health officers from Westminster City Council are to search for cockroaches in the kitchens of the House of Commons. They have no right of entry, but the Commons Services committee has decided to invite them to conduct periodic checks because it feels the Palace of Westminster has no right to special treatment. But that is just what it does enjoy. Whatever creepy crawlies may be found in the roly-polies, it cannot be prosecuted.

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# A drain crying out for money

by Jeremy Bray

In its policy for science, Reagan's America is a million miles away from Thatcher's Britain. With the prospect of a 25 per cent cut in real terms in the British science budget for this decade, the result is an acceleration of the westward drain of scientific brains.

British scientists form an increasing proportion of applicants for jobs at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Having already recruited many Britons to its Agriculture and Mechanical campus, the University of Texas is now creating 25 new chairs in computer science and may well look east to fill them. In another science specialism, a single East Coast private university, building up a new school of studies, is offering six-figure salaries to the top six British professors in the field - a move which could clean out a generation of British talent. With a professorial salary range at Ivy League universities between \$65,000 and \$75,000, all offers to Britons look flattering.

In the US federal funding for civil research and development in the universities and colleges has risen by 30 per cent between 1981 and 1985. In Britain there is attrition and

gloom. Because of that, the Royal Society is conducting a systematic inquiry into the hemorrhage of talent in five fields: physics, chemistry, biochemistry, electronic engineering and earth sciences. The results will not be available before January, too late to influence this public expenditure round.

A quicker, more limited study is being organized by Professor Sir David Phillips, chairman of the Advisory Board for the Research Councils. He is looking at university departments which have received extra funds this year from the Department of Education and Science: if they are suffering a loss of brain power then the situation is serious indeed.

It is not easy to get systematic evidence. There is a normal two-way flow of scientists doing a spell of post-doctoral research abroad before settling down to career appointments. And what matters is not just quantity but quality. A clear picture of what is happening is urgently needed.

Because of the difference in science policy between Britain and the US, Britain has for the moment become the most cost-effective place for high technology research, causing

American companies to build up their research efforts here. Hewlett Packard in computers, and Merck, Sharp and Dohme, in drugs for the central nervous system, have recently established big laboratories in Britain to take advantage of British scientific excellence. Somewhat eccentrically, ICI is recruiting British scientists to do their research on such drugs not in Britain but at Wilmington, Delaware. ICI explains that it is moving high tech research out of Britain because this is not where the markets for high tech products will be found - anticipating, perhaps, the result of other government policies.

Does the neglect of science and the loss of brains matter? Yes, enormously. Today the development of new technologies, products and services from new discoveries in scientific research is more rapid than it was 40 or even 20 years ago. There is no automatic feedthrough from basic science to applied technology, products and processes, but companies cannot rely on drawing on the stimulus of basic research merely from an international pool at one remove from their own milieu.

They need to recruit scientists and technologists who have been trained

in the new basic science. They need to be able to read and discuss what is going on with the scientists under taking the basic research. Growing areas of science are now moving so fast that the researcher who ceases to be actively engaged in a field will within a year cease to be able to understand it.

An overall science and technology policy needs a far greater infusion of resources into research and development in manufacturing industry than basic research could absorb. It would have to be complemented by increases in training and investment.

Better designed machinery of government would be needed to map out and co-ordinate support for the strategic research required. None of this can we expect from Mrs Thatcher and her cabinet. But if this government is not going to destroy in a decade a scientific tradition, already severely damaged, which has taken centuries to create, it must at least grant the modest increases in expenditure on basic science proposed by the Advisory Board for the Research Councils and the University Grants Committee.

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## Robert Fisk on the inexorable rise of Muslim fundamentalism

Cairo. Abdul-Halim Saeed Street is a Dickensian lane of poverty and garbage that links two canyons of all-night Cairo traffic. Its hot and cavernous shadows almost obscure the cheap picture-framers, the rundown cinema and the unpainted shop on the corner where a man with a pointed black beard sells second-hand electrical plugs. The entrance to No 7 is in keeping with the street. There is litter on the broken steps and a stray cat that screams when the tired old caretaker kicks it.

There are two sets of rickety stairs up through the centre of the building, its inner walls streaked with grime, the lift unworkable. On the fifth floor a bare light bulb illuminates the front door of Abdul-Halim Ramadan, lawyer and co-founder of those who would turn Egypt into an Islamic republic. There are no Koranic inscriptions on his study walls, just a table at one end of the room piled with dust-covered files and newspaper-clippings. Ramadan sits beside it, his bald head and oval face shiny in the heat as an old-fashioned air-conditioner roars forlornly in the corner.

"What do you have to fear if I cut off the hand of a thief?" he asks. "Are there no benefits to society if the thief is released from the crime of theft? Who has anything to fear from the application of Islamic law?" Ramadan speaks faster the more he warms to his theme, the transition of Egypt from a secular, bureaucratic state into a nation that is guided by the Sharia. "We beg our food from America. We beg our necessities. Why? We have no fewer than three thousand ministers with salaries. We spend more than our capacity."

## Court battle

It all tumbles out with passion, although Ramadan appears a gentle man. His mild demeanour must infuriate the Egyptian authorities when his clients come to trial. He defended Khaled El-Islambouly, Sadat's killer, and the blind Sheikh Omar, el-Islambouly's spiritual mentor and fellow plotter. The month he fought in the courts for Sheikh Hafez Salama, the preacher of the Noor mosque who had condemned President Mubarak and his ministers. He argues stoutly according to law, for he believes, not without reason, that it is in the courts that the government shows its weakness.

The octogenarian Sheikh Salama was locked up by the Egyptian interior ministry last month but when Ramadan coolly argued - and won - the case for his immediate release in the courts the government simply re-interred him on the grounds that he constituted a danger to the state. Official figures record that 46 Muslims have been imprisoned for alleged extremism, although the political opposition insists that the real figure comes to more than 200. Yet precisely what constitutes Muslim extremism in Egypt is a burning, unanswered political question. No one, not even Mubarak, knows who the government's enemies really are.

The reason is simple, and Ramadan is quick to point it out: that while the Muslim Brothers and other Egyptian groups demanding a return to Sharia law or a change of government are established organizations with a structure and identifiable leadership, the most



# Harsh winds of piety whipping Pharaoh's throne

powerful movement for religious reform now is not a movement at all but an emotion that touches at the hearts of millions of Egyptians.

The manifestations of this emotion are everywhere: in the long gowns and scarves worn by Egyptian women, the pointed beards of the young men, the speeches at Noor Mosque - and, until a ban was imposed three weeks ago, the Islamic texts on the windows of cars and the Korans above the back seats of taxis. Amid the filth and decay of Cairo and the over-heated and overpopulated provincial cities, they focus always on one basic idea: a return to Sharia law, to the supposed pure ethics of an earlier Islamic age when corruption - especially of the western kind - was unknown, when governments were humble and Arabs never humiliated, when religion could exalt the people from physical misery.

## Religious roots

Even the Egyptian security police, retrained with American assistance, cannot touch the core of this growing emotion, although there is evidence that some form of organization - or organizations - exist within it. Small religious tracts circulating in the slums of Cairo were apparently run off on university photocopying machines in the Upper Egyptian city of Assiut. Others have been printed in Beni Suef. Indeed, the inspiration for the millions who now call themselves the Gamaa al-Islamiya (the Islamic Group) appears to have roots in southern Egypt, ironically in an area where Christian Coptic fundamentalism is almost as strong.

None of them criticizes Ayatollah Khomeini, but equally there have been no specific calls for an Islamic revolution. Perhaps this is because some of the symbols of fundamental Islam in Egypt sprang from economic rather than religious roots. Moslem clothing has always been a tradition in the villages but it was poverty that first persuaded many Egyptian women to adopt the long, shapeless galabias which they now wear. They are cheaper than the more fashionable dresses available in Cairo. In much the same way, scarves reduced the expense of visiting hairdressers. But the reason for wearing such dress has now become religious rather than economic.

The economic-religious relationship is not coincidental. It is Egypt's chronic poverty level, the collapse of its oil revenue, poor revenues from the Suez Canal, the declining income from expatriates as tens of thousands of Egyptians are ordered to leave the Gulf and Libya, that is providing the harsh yet fertile ground for the Gamaa al-Islamiya. If billions of dollars of American aid which Egypt cannot help, then evidently the West has proved itself worthless. The Egyptian government instructed its press virtually to ignore the huge US Bright Star exercises on the Egyptian coast this year; what, after all, were the Americans supposed to be defending?

The answer, of course, is that the West is supposed to be protecting Egypt from its Libyan enemies. Ahmed Rushdy, the interior minister, whose photographs in the Egyptian press make him look like an outraged schoolmaster, has warned to this theme. Libyan plots, it seems, are everywhere. There are plots to blow up the US embassy in Cairo, conspiracies to assassinate

Libyan opposition leaders. Some of these schemes have a basis in truth; others are less convincing. Opposition politicians say how they were personally searched before a meeting of the Egyptian assembly because Rushdy believed that one of them might be carrying a homing device for a Libyan pilot to bomb the parliament building.

This atmosphere of dark mystery may be intended to distract Egyptians from fundamentalist Islam. Rushdy has anyway done his best to cut down its appeal. The Noor mosque has been closed on the grounds that construction of the great grey concrete structure has not yet been completed. At the last morning prayers, Rushdy's plainclothes police beat up some of the worshippers. Among those arrested there and thrown into jail was Mohamed el-Islambouly, brother of Sadat's killer. The elderly Sheikh Salama - praised by Sadat for his part in resisting the Israelis in his home city of Suez during the 1973 Middle East war - is now languishing in the Bab el-Khalq prison.

Mubarak himself must be well aware that it will not be Salama on his own who causes any political convulsions in Egypt. Those who advocate a return to the Sharia - even the self-offering Abdul-Halim Ramadan - claim that they are not against the Mubarak administration. It would be an economic disaster that precipitated a collapse, even something as apparently trivial but none the less far-reaching as a withdrawal of bread subsidies.

The genuinely subversive organizations, such as el-Islambouly's Takfir Wa Hegira that tried to overthrow Sadat's government, have been almost destroyed by the security police. But more deep-rooted dissatisfaction remains. There are rumours in Cairo that a number of police officers regard themselves as part of the Gamaa al-Islamiya; certainly in Assiut this summer police cars were seen with Islamic inscriptions on the windows.

Next month the universities reopen, and Mubarak's police will be watching them with more than an academic eye. There is no Islamic revolution round the corner, but hard and difficult days await Mubarak's administration. The "Pharaoh" - as Sadat has been called - may be dead but his throne is still in danger.

# Jack Straw Let's hop back to freedom

There were no Greasy A4 Pacifics, no Castles or Kings, not even a shunting engine or a whistle in the night. I had the misfortune to be brought up in suburban Essex, near the end of the Central Line. Tube trains have all the romance of an ashtray. Not one boy in my class at Staples Road County Primary School, Loughton, could bring himself to collect the numbers of underground carriages. Occasionally we would take a trip to Epping, where the section of the Central Line to Ongar was still run by steam engines. But, in the main, we were stuck with spotting buses instead.

RT's they were called, thin, sharp and elegant my grandfather. In 1957, the whisper went round that the Routemaster had arrived: a new bus, with curved modern lines. The race was on to spot - and record - the first to come out our way.

The Routemaster was correctly described by London Transport as the "Bus of the Future". Its design was revolutionary, the first to be developed by the operator rather than the manufacturer. It used techniques derived from aircraft manufacture in the war. High duty aluminium alloys; an integral chassis - less construction; a detachable body; an improved cab; two-pedal operation and power-assisted steering; better suspension; decent heating; what was described as air conditioning; and more comfortable seats. All that, and a lot more, for a twopenny ride. No wonder Harold Macmillan told us in 1959 that we had never had it so good.

Two thousand Routemasters are still in service: a tribute to London Transport and the skills of British engineers. They are used principally on routes passing through central London. But they are made no more. As one goes out of service, it is cannibalized to keep others alive. In six years there may be only half the present number in service; in 15 years only 500. You are warned.

It is not just a matter of aesthetics, but of freedom. I am no anarchist; nor am I what is now described as a "libertarian" (a right-wing lunatic who, for example, believes that people should be free to inject themselves to death with heroin); but I do regard as a fundamental human right the right to get on and off buses whenever I choose - at lights, pedestrian crossings, in slow-moving traffic and who knows how much the health of Londoners has been maintained by the daily challenge of running for the bus as the driver looks in his mirror and accelerates away. Half my bus journeys (I estimate from a personal survey carried out in June) begin and end not at a bus stop and so do those of a great many of my fellow passengers.

Of all the Routemaster's advantages it is the one to doees platform at the rear that makes his travel in London the convenience, and joy, that it is. The figures bear me out. It takes 1.15 seconds per passenger to board a Routemaster (and many more get on and off, unrecorded, when the bus is stuck in traffic); it takes 3.8 to 5.5 seconds per passenger to board an "OPO" - the closed, claustrophobic and tyrannical "One Person Operated"

buses that will all too quickly replace the Routemaster. It is true that people sometimes fall off Routemasters. One thousand such accidents were recorded in 1982, compared with 117 people injured by OPO bus doors. But the case made for the OPO is not one of safety, but of finance. It is self-evidently cheaper to run a bus with a driver collecting the fares (even if he is paid at enhanced rates) than with a conductor as well. And with an unsympathetic Transport Secretary like Nicholas Ridley, now squeezing London Transport's subsidy, one can well understand its predicament. In fairness, LT is making a spirited attempt to adapt the OPO for central London use. It has run a two-year project, with outside design consultants, to develop a new style of doored bus to make it easier for the elderly, disabled, and people with children to board and alight and to make fare collection swifter. A prototype I saw recently was an improvement. But London Transport cannot possibly overcome the fundamental disadvantages of doored buses in central London - that they will be slower and less convenient for the passengers.

Even with the improved design, LT's target is a load speed of 2.5 seconds a passenger - still more than twice the time to load a Routemaster. The time to load a 15 per cent faster running time has to be allowed. Nor are the financial benefits all one way. Five OPOs are needed for every four Routemasters they replace. LT calculates that it will lose 2 per cent of bus passengers on the changeover - a figure that the Transport Studies Unit of the University of Oxford, in a report to the GLC, considers a significant underestimate.

Nor do the official cost/benefit analyses take any account of the costs to the public purse of lengthening dole queues caused by the loss of conductor jobs; yet this is as much a real additional burden on the taxpayer as is the subsidy which Nicholas Ridley is so keen to reduce. (The Oxford study estimates that, if all the unemployment costs were included, further conversion to OPO would not be worthwhile. Even including only 20 per cent of these costs would tip the balance against a big programme of conversion.)

Outside London, there is almost 100 per cent OPO operation. But in towns such as Blackburn - and even Sheffield, Manchester and other cities - average road speeds are much higher than in central London. Retaining rear-loading, no doored, crewed buses in our capital city is not just a matter of sentiment, but of sense. If fewer people use buses in central London, and the buses that run are slower, it is not just bus users who suffer, but motorists and delivery vehicles. Salvage could be at hand. Routemasters are not made any more. But Volvo (in Scotland) does make a bus with an engine at the front and doors at the rear. All I have to do now is to persuade the makers, and London Transport, to throw away the doors and bring back the conductor; at least the spirit of the Routemaster would then survive.

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## moreover... Miles Kingston

# From my own correspondence

It's a proud moment when an article of yours starts the ball rolling in the correspondence columns, and I have been enjoying the recent letters on unusual phrases from phrase-books which a piece of mine started off. I wanted to join in the correspondence as well, quoting from *Familiar French*, a little First World War booklet of French phrases for sea troops, sent to me by a kind reader two years ago.

I couldn't, unfortunately. For one thing, there is apparently a club rule here that *Times* writers aren't allowed to join in their own correspondences, perhaps on the grounds that the readers do it so much better. For another thing, I couldn't lay my hands on the blessed book. I hunted high and low and found a great many other things. I had been looking for, such as a street map of Buxton, and some works by the funniest British writer of modern times, Miss Richmal Crompton, but I couldn't find *Familiar French*. When I gave up and started packing for the Edinburgh Festival, I found it immediately, among my pyjamas, which I had also been looking for for a long time.

A remarkably hard-bitten work it turns out to be, too. The very first two phrases they give are: "How are you?" "Middling." Only middling? Well, I suppose if you are stuck in the trenches, fighting an endless war, things will never be better than middling. But it is odd that they don't give any alternative. Again, in their first slang section, the opening offerings are: "How's things? How goes it?" "So so." Nothing about good, or cracking, or topping.

The second page has a list of descriptions of other people, which again is heavily weighted towards the pessimistic, or jaundiced. He is as full of tricks as a monkey. He is crack-brained. He is a busybody. A coward. He is dotty. He is windy. (Haven't heard that expression since my father used to yell it at Wexham cold feet. He doesn't feel up to work. Things don't get a lot better in the next section on shopping. "I have been done. I have been done brown (swindled). I am stony broke. I am cleared out. To take to my uncle. And the next section, on food, drink and cafes, does not dwell on haute cuisine exactly... He is an albow-lifter. He is squiffy. He is oiled. He is half seas over. But it is when we get to imaginary dialogues between two

privates that the full flavour of the period begins to come through.

"Hello, George, where are you going to?"

"I'm going down the line."

"Have you fallen into a cushy job at base, then?"

"No, I'm going to old Blighty on special duty."

"Let's have a parting drink first."

"Right! But I'm broke. Do you stand the damage?"

"Good business! Let's!"

Here's another slice of real talk between privates.

"What ho, Bill! Home on leave?"

"Can't you see I'm coming from the trenches?"

"What's the doings like out there in the trenches?"

"Chronic!"

Fearless stuff. And then, as if to demonstrate the class-ridden society we were fighting to defend, comes a totally different kind of language: a dialogue between officers.

"How are you feeling this morning, Captain Wood?"

"Oh, so so."

"How is it that you were not present last night?"

"At *Captain Black's* birthday party, you mean? I was out on duty."

"What a pity. We had a very good time."

"*Captain Black* does these things in top-hole style; he is a real sport."

"Have you heard that he is going to be promoted?"

"No, honest?"

"Yes, I have it straight from the horse's mouth. And it is on the cards that you are in for promotion too, but keep it dark."

"Oh, chuck it. You're pulling my leg!"

"Honour bright!"

And so it goes on. You may have noticed that some of the phrases have a slightly unEnglish turn to them (Do you stand the damage?... Good business! Let's!), and to this I put down to the editor being H. Delepine, of rue Leprieux, Wilmers, Pas-de-Calais. I give the address because, you never know, he may have a few copies left. The price, if you are interested, is a very reasonable 50 centimes. It also contains the French for such vital military phrases as going to clink, bribing, working overtime, scrounging, and getting it in the neck. When the next war comes, I won't be without it.

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## A Yank at the court of King Cognac

Los Angeles. At a recent Napa Valley wine auction a wealthy California matron paid \$21,000 for something which didn't even exist.

The heiress to the Dupont fortune handed over the money for the privilege of reserving the first ever bottling of the first California brandy produced by the "Cognac Alambic" method and under the auspices of a unique partnership. Five years ago the California "champagne" house of Schramberg, who produce perhaps the best sparkling wine in the US, teamed up with one of the premier cognac companies in France, Remy Martin, to work together on producing a brandy which would be a cognac in everything but name and geography.

There have, of course, been California brandies for some time, but they were produced in bulk in column stills, were the most part harsh, and were marketed cheaply to

compete with gin and whisky rather than with the upmarket French cognac. Schramberg's Jack Davies and Remy Martin bought 30 acres of prime Napa Valley land, some 60 miles from San Francisco, and built a \$10 million plant to be devoted exclusively to the production of a quality brandy.

They shipped in from France, piece by piece, eight copper alambic pot stills and hundreds of limousin oak barrels and incorporated them into a classically styled distillery. Although the French champagne makers have long passed their expertise on to the California sparkling wine makers in joint ventures such as Domaine Chandon and Piper Sonoma, this is the first ever collaboration to produce brandy.

For the last three years Remy's cellar master, Robert Leauté, has been making the 6,000-mile trip four times a year to consult on production with RMS's local winemaker, Joe

Norman. This month 20,000 cases will be bottled, next month they will appear on sale at \$18 to \$20 a bottle - but for the time being in the domestic market only.

How will it differ from a classic French cognac? In common with California wines, it will have, says Joe Norman, a fruitier taste than its French counterpart - the result of a blending of several grapes with the Californian French. Columbar dominating instead of the traditional brandy grape, the Ugni blanc, but with shades of pinot noir, chenin blanc and palomino, a grape normally used in sherry production. Moreover, the new brandy is very smooth.

Leauté, initially somewhat less than enthusiastic at the prospect of initiating a bunch of California amateurs into the secrets of the centuries, old cognac art, now admits that he is trying to persuade his countrymen at home to experiment with additional grape varieties

in their cognac to break the monotony. However, Joe Norman emphasizes that he is not trying to duplicate the classic French cognac.

"This is not a little sister to cognac; it's a new product and we don't want it to taste exactly the same. Who needs another cognac? However, if we get it right it will be the Rolls Royce of Californian brandies."

Other French companies, says Norman, are waiting to see the result of the RMS marriage. If it succeeds, expect other French cognac makers to start eyeing the California acreage and the cross-pollination of Californian grapes with French techniques.

Of course no one can call the new baby cognac. No one, that is, except the Dupont heiress who said after her adventurous purchase: "Of course it's cognac. If I pay \$21,000 for something I can call it whatever I damn well please."

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## BLACK ECONOMIES

Signs that the Soviet Union is coming to terms with the profit motive, while the Chinese are embracing market forces with the enthusiasm of the convert, should be no cause for complacency in the West. The initiator may progress farther than his model; the new mood in the East is a reminder of the continuing need to dredge the channels of our industrial market economies.

In the Soviet Union, moonlighting on such a scale that it is said to account for up to 80 per cent of domestic repair jobs has forced the bureaucrats into a few tentative experiments with small profit-sharing co-operatives. The Chinese are moving towards private share ownership by the employees of an internationally-financed industrial plant. Old ideas in the West, maybe, but ideas which have fallen well short of their proper conclusions. We too have our "black economies" and under-motivated workforces.

In Italy, where all dealings with the state are coated with the grime of bureaucracy, the informal, underground or "black" economy has become rooted in the dry soil of the South - an unalterable fact of political and economic life. But Northern Europe has little to boast about; the black economy is as frequent a subject of political conversation in West Germany as it is in Britain, where it is variously estimated to account for between 8 and 14 per cent of national income.

Those who make a living "underground", out of sight of the state, fall into three broad types. There are those publicly registered as unemployed, who keep all their earnings secret in

order to draw the dole at the same time. There are those self-employed who take care to keep their registered earnings below the various thresholds for value-added tax or income tax. There are those who are registered as employed, but moonlighting in a second job which escapes the taxman's attention.

All live, at least partly, in the cash economy with which everyone becomes familiar when in search of a plumber or builder. There are few, moreover, who are wholly free from the minor tax-dodging sins involved in giving or taking some income "in kind".

All "underground" earning is theft, in that it transfers a financial burden on to those who stick more closely to the rules. Much is trivial. But on a serious scale it is also inefficient. Of necessity, information about "underground" services is limited; thus competition is impeded, as well as twisted against the legitimate operators. Signals become misleading, when we do not know the true levels of unemployment, or income, or expenditure.

The temptation to moonlight can never be completely removed, since the state must raise some taxation and means test some benefits. Thus it must pursue and prosecute fraud in the confidence of necessary duty. Yet it is simultaneously the state's duty to provide a framework in which ordinary human desires for financial reward can find expression. If it does not, then "underground" working will become socially acceptable, even laudable, as the essential lubricant to a clumsy piece of economic machinery.

## WHEN POLICE ARE HARASSED

The morale of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and its discipline (not impeccable but very firm in a) (the circumstances) is one of the wonders of Northern Ireland's sixteen years of repressed insurrection. The force has risen in round numbers, from 3,000 all told in 1969 (that is excluding the separately enrolled B specials) to 8,000 at the end of 1984 with in addition 2,500 full-time and 2,000 part-time reservists. More than 200 of its number have been killed and 3,500 injured. It has been reorganised, disbanded, reformed, given chief constables from across the water (though not at present), and is for ever exposed to political examination. It had to play second fiddle to the military for a while before the primacy of policing was restored.

Yet its dutifulness, competence and honesty compare well with other forces in the United Kingdom which have been under nothing like the same strain. With Sir John Hermon as chief constable and Mr Nicholas Scott as its immediate minister it is not small as sweet to some Protestants as when Mr William Craig was minister for home affairs at Stormont and used it to beat civil rights marchers off the bridge at Londonderry; but its reputation in the community as a whole, and acknowledgement of its non-sectarian motivation, stands higher now.

The latest cross the RUC has to bear is harassment of the homes and families of police officers at the hands of men and women who are their neighbours. The Rectory Park estate (Protestant) on the edge of Portadown is the scene of the worst of this abuse, and five families have been moved out as a result of events at the weekend. The fuss arises from the tactics

adopted by the police this year for the surveillance of the marching season, which began early in July and is now spluttering to an end. This is the time for the expression of tribal pride and assertion. Orange and Green perform to an intricate choreography of vaunt, dare, taunt and ribaldry whose general good-humour has an undertone of menace.

The police this year insisted on a very few cancellations and rather more reroutings. The decisions were the chief constable's but he will not have omitted to consult the political authorities. The police assert that the decisions were taken strictly on public order grounds, and that traditional routes were changed only where the sectarian composition of the relevant areas had changed. Unionist politicians proclaimed that the changes, many of which affected the Orange route, were made at the behest of Dublin, which the Northern Ireland authorities were busy buttering up in aid of the "Anglo-Irish process".

The upshot was rather more clashing with the police than usual and the arrest for the whole range of public order offences of 468 loyalists and 427 republicans between June 27 and August 9. The bad blood engendered on the Protestant side by the curtailment of their customary displays has taken this particularly unpleasant form at Portadown, where tribalism is well rooted and Orangemen had earlier tried conclusions with the police.

The constabulary claims that the fact of its having annoyed both sides in more or less equal measure is evidence of its impartiality. It has been complained by ministers in Dublin on its handling of the marches -

A tax system that imposes too great a burden (either of tax itself or simply of form-filling) on those earning in a small way unhealthily fosters the underground economy. The Thatcher Government has understood this in theory far better than its predecessors, but practice still falls short of preaching, particularly in the field of national insurance. A social security system that denies the unemployed the possibility of honest part-time employment is an unnecessary encouragement to dishonesty. Again, Mr Norman Fowler's proposed reforms take note of the point, but change is slow. Most important of all, perhaps, is the continuing lack of personal, individual financial incentive among the great army of the employed; that leads, in turn, both to mass pay strikes and to moonlighting in the ever-increasing leisure time made available by the shrinking working week.

The proper response lies among a variety of schemes for employee share ownership, profit bonuses and efficiency payments that need determined execution in industry and even in Whitehall. Not everyone, of course, gains his or her work satisfaction purely from the pay packet; many receive it from the satisfaction of public service or the more complicated bundle of satisfactions generated by public recognition of those services. But regular as the human heart-beat, the desire for a personal link between endeavour and income pulses through the economy. Let Western teachers learn from Eastern pupils' half-steps towards recognition of this urge, and be sure to keep several steps ahead.

a kiss of death in Portadown. Mr James Moynihan's unionists denounce the Portadown residents who have driven police-men's families from their homes as "scum"; but they continue to rail against ministers for allowing the RUC to be used as a tool of nationalism, which of course encourages the "scum" in their resentment. Mr Paisley makes his routine demand that the chief constable resign; will not allow that there are scum on the Rectory Park estate, just loyalists who have changed their attitude towards the police; and contemplate "a situation too horrible to contemplate" if the British government does not reverse its policy of taking Northern Ireland down the Dublin road.

In such ways is the ground prepared for a "new initiative" in the province. Nor has the SDLP been idle. It might have been expected to acknowledge some good in the RUC in the light of all this. Instead it has chosen this moment to come out with a root and branch critique of the administration and enforcement of law in Northern Ireland and a demand for the eradication of "the Unionist ethos" from both.

One of its contributions is to take the "Royal" out of the Ulster Constabulary; another is to remove the royal coat of arms from the Queen's courts and substitute a "crest" denoting peace and tolerance. The appropriate comment on that had already been delivered in the Forum report of which the SDLP was a co-producer. "Irish nationalist attitudes have hitherto... tended to underestimate the full dimension of the unionist identity and ethos" - a mouthful of which the truth is copiously illustrated in words of four letters on the walls of the Falls and Shankill roads.

vision payments must be for the benefit of the company, reasonably incidental to its business, and made bona fide in the interest of the company. It is common for companies to support local charities which are of direct or indirect benefit to their employees.

Most large charitable foundations have been established by wealthy individuals, often with large blocks of shares in companies they have founded. This may have helped to blur the distinction between corporate giving and personal giving. Where express power is conferred by the memorandum, one approach which might commend itself to Mr Brophy would be for companies to set up their own charitable trust and to make an annual covenanted donation to it. The quantum of such donation could be conditional upon approval by the shareholders at the annual general meeting.

In a year such as 1985 with famine in Ethiopia and floods in Bangladesh, shareholders might be persuaded to be very generous. Covenanted donations are, of course, allowable deductions in computing corporation tax. Yours faithfully, DAVID M. PARKES, The Rectory, Broad Street, Winton, Avon. August 16.

2. The "perk" of being paid an allowance whilst training.  
3. The knowledge of our reputation as a caring and efficient organisation.

I may be one of a minority of voices trying to be heard above the clamour of the critics, but I am heartened by the growth of the youth training programme, encouraged by the support of employers and delighted by the apparent ambition and optimism of the young people that I have the privilege to assist.

Yours etc, JULIA HOCKNELL, Hotel and Catering Industry Training Board, Old Courts, Old Saints Road, Newmarket, Suffolk. August 8.

### 'Mean' to charities

From Mr David M. Parkes  
Sir, Mr Michael Brophy, director of the Charities Aid Foundation (report, August 8) should know better than to criticise companies as "mean" over gifts to charities. Such "mean" could well be ultra vires. Whilst it is possible to provide for the making of grants for charitable purposes as one of the objects in the memorandum of the company, in the absence of such express pro-

### Youth training schemes

From Mrs J. M. Hocknell  
Sir, I am disappointed and disturbed that so eminent a person as the Editor of *The Times Higher Education Supplement* should so self-righteously and sweepingly dismiss the youth training scheme as being only suited to an "under-class" whose narrow world is bracketed by youth training at best and, at worst, hooliganism and heroin. ("Can you cope with our age?", *The Times*, August 6).

Perhaps Mr Scott would do well to investigate further the backgrounds and qualifications of those youngsters who apply for and accept places on the many and various types of youth training schemes available.

As an organiser of youth training schemes for the hotel and catering industry, I am proud to be involved with an organisation which offers an excellent package of integrated training and experience. Most (though by no means all) of the applicants for places on our schemes have good academic records and references and could choose to accept places on full-time college courses.

The reasons that these young people give for wishing to join a youth training scheme, such as ours include:  
1. The desire to gain experience as well as qualifications;

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Being fair to the married couple

From Mr James Hill, MP for Southampton Test (Conservative)

Sir, In her article (August 9) discussing the Chancellor's Green Paper on the reform of personal taxation, Sarah Hogg rightly says that the question is whether married couples should be two or one in the eyes of the Inland Revenue. The fundamental inequity of our tax system is that it disadvantages couples who get married at all. Unmarried individuals each qualify for mortgage interest relief, a capital gains tax allowance and tax on investment income at their own marginal rate. If married, the same two individuals lose half their mortgage interest relief and half their CGT allowance. Investment income is likely to be taxed at a higher rate because it is based on aggregate incomes.

The Green Paper's proposals would simply redistribute money from two-earner married couples (and couples where the wife works but the husband does not) to couples where the husband works and the wife stays at home. By narrowing his attention to the introduction of such transferable personal allowances for married couples, the Chancellor is failing to address far more fundamental inequities and irritations in the present system and, by mere redistribution of money, too, in what should be a basic policy aim, the reduction of the overall level of personal taxation. To remove the married man's allowance with no perceived compensation would amount to final confirmation that the Exchequer views those couples who have opted for a ritual commitment as sitting ducks, like drinkers of alcohol or smokers of cigarettes.

In view of the clear inequities between married and unmarried couples as well as among married couples, there is a clear case for radical fiscal change. The changes must be more than the Green Paper's window dressing. We should be levelling upwards and not downwards.

The achievement of fairness in this way would also satisfy the aim of a reduction in the overall level of personal taxation. However, given the Government's spending commitments, any shortfall in revenue would have to be paid for by an increase in direct taxation. But the principle would be correct.

It is my fundamental belief that a person should be allowed to save what he earns unless or until he decides to go out and spend it. Indirect taxation, to the extent that it is chosen and not imposed, is a more desirable source of state revenue. Yours, JAMES HILL, House of Commons, August 14.

### Release of Mandela

From Mr J. D. Tunnicliffe

Sir, A sense of proportion is surely needed even when evaluating the continuing unhappy story of South Africa. On August 15 Mrs Mandela was reported as saying that her husband, most democratic countries would have been freed long ago. On August 16 she was reported as saying that he was in no mood to compromise his commitment to overthrow the South African Government by violence if necessary.

In which other African countries would a person who was openly committed to overthrowing the established government by violence be still alive? Yours faithfully, J. D. TUNNICLIFFE, 100 High Street, Great Abington, Cambridge. August 19.

### The weaker sex?

From Mrs Wendy G. Frey

Sir, In today's article (August 16) on health insurance it was stated that statistics show that women take more sick leave than men.

It would be interesting to see how the figures would compare if separate statistics were prepared for women with and without children. It is not inconceivable that some of a mother's "sick leave" is in fact caused by her children's sickness.

It was found to be the case perhaps the childless woman is being discriminated against, in having to pay the price of other women's children! Yours faithfully, WENDY G. FREY, 7 Manor Park, Frimfield, Nr Marlborough, Wiltshire. August 16.

### Hazards of births

From Mrs Marjorie Tew

Sir, The reasons given by spokesmen for the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and the Royal College of Midwives for challenging the evidence and disputing the claim that birth is more hazardous in obstetric hospitals (report, August 13) show that they had not actually read my article. Place of Birth and Perinatal Mortality, published in the current issue of the *Journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners*.

Had they done so, Miss Balfour, professional officer of the RCM, would have seen that the data used are hitherto unpublished results of the national survey of British births, 1970, with which the RCOG was closely involved. These make it possible, for the first time, to compare perinatal death rates in obstetric hospitals with those in GP units and at home for births impartially assessed as having the same degree of risk up to and including the first stage of labour. At every level of risk the death rate was

### Regard for safety on guardless trains

From Mr G. Myers

Sir, Running driver-only trains for two years between Bedford and St Pancras has produced no evidence to support the doubts about safety voiced by some of your recent correspondents.

The National Union of Railwaymen is clearly making the most of the emotive safety issue in order to try and bolster its case for opposing driver-only operation. On passenger trains the guard is no longer required to perform operational tasks when the train has sliding doors, the driver is in radio-telephone communication with signal boxes, closed-circuit television or mirrors are installed on platforms so that the driver can see all is clear before closing the doors, and continuous track circuits enable the signalman always to know where the train is and whether it is moving or has come to a stop at or between stations.

This means that the guard will only disappear from some suburban trains when these conditions are met and he will remain on InterCity services and on provincial routes where, because of open stations or unstaffed stations he already acts in a revenue-earning capacity checking tickets or selling tickets.

In addition, although the guard as a guard will no longer have a role on driver-only trains, these trains will nevertheless have a man travelling to check tickets or carry out other commercial duties.

On the question of the personal safety of passengers, the majority of problems have arisen on the old type of train divided into compartments. The modern, well-lit, open-plan coaches with inter-connecting doors

between vehicles act as a deterrent to troublemakers.

Communication between the driver and the signalman is a major improvement in safety in making it possible to summon the correct kind of emergency help quickly.

All safety aspects of driver-only operations have been discussed with the Department of Transport's railway inspectorate, who have also been involved in inspection of individual schemes before implementation.

Driver-only operation is important to BR and to its customers because it is another step in making the railway more efficient and cost-effective. Many men, now employed in a traditional role which has been overtaken by technological developments, will be deployed instead in a wider role looking after the customer and protecting the board's revenue. Yours faithfully, G. MYERS, Vice-Chairman and Joint Managing Director (Railways), British Railways Board, Euston Square, NW1, August 19.

From Sir Anthony Grant, MP for Cambridge, South West (Conservative)

Sir, Mr L. M. Edwards, in his letter published on August 16, expresses unease about one-man trains on safety grounds.

Why not then employ a man to walk in front with a red (appropriately so-coloured) flag and deputy, of course? This would also help unemployment and membership of the NUR.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY GRANT, House of Commons.

### Factors in 747 crash

From Mr J. Cooper

Sir, The recent crash by a 747 airliner in Japan seems to raise at least two issues of importance.

The only survivors were small. The seat belts on aircraft are really only designed to prevent the passenger being hurt in turbulence. Safety straps going over the shoulder will allow the body to take much larger deceleration forces. Have there been any other recorded accidents where the crude type of safety belts in use at present have saved lives? It would seem that shoulder straps would have saved additional lives in this case.

It would appear that the procedures for dealing with sudden decompression also need revision. The cause is likely to be structural damage which is best evaluated by the crew at altitude. A sudden manoeuvre to reduce altitude could accentuate the problem, especially in mountainous areas.

Thirdly, the pilots have no visual check on the aerobatics. Television cameras on the wing looking at the tail and vice-versa would surely not be costly in weight or money. The

DC10 crash at O'Hare in Chicago was possibly controllable if the pilot had known the flaps on the wing had been lost. The engine had retracted and therefore the plane was unstable.

In Japan the door was in the pilot's mind; if he had known the tail fin was damaged he might have been able to act differently.

Yours faithfully, J. COOPER, Managing Director, D. Wickham and Company Limited, Jane Mead, Ware, Hertfordshire. August 19.

From Dr Aneurin Hughes

Sir, Seemingly the safest part of an aircraft is at the back. As avid smokers my wife and I are delighted to be allocated such safe seats. How nice, and how right, of airline conservationists to treat smokers as an endangered species.

Yours sincerely, ANEURIN HUGHES, 90 Chapel Road, Aberystwyth, Gwent. August 17.

### Ritual slaughter

From Mr Greville Janner, QC, MP for Leicester West (Labour)

Sir, Vegetarians are right. There is no pleasant way to slaughter animals for human consumption. Mr Hillier (August 13) is wrong. Jewish leaders do not react to the slaughter of animals (which, incidentally, we neither regard as nor regard as "ritual slaughter") by "complaining emotively" that such opposition is "another form of racial prejudice".

We do say, though, that our critics are misinformed, because Schechita is carried out by highly trained and supervised professional slaughterers, according to rules specifically designed to minimize any suffering caused to the animals. Of course our Jewish community would be prejudiced were the UK to become the only EEC country in

which Schechita is banned. And as for a religious dispensation to members of the Jewish community "who wish to live in a country where the susceptibilities of the majority of its people are deeply offended by such suffering" we accept neither the allegation of "susceptibilities" nor of the "deep offence" of "the majority" of our fellow citizens.

We regret that Mr Hillier does not recognize the basic humanity of Schechita. We are confident that a majority of British people - and a very substantial majority of its elected members of Parliament - would be very offended at any proposal to deprive Jewish citizens of this essential and humane religious rite. Yours faithfully, GREVILLE JANNER, House of Commons.

### Family affair

From Mr P. S. H. Lawrence

Sir, Etienne wet-bells could do it as well as the Lytton dry-bells who played at Bromsgrove and of whom Mr Bernard Meldrum wrote (August 15). I have here a photograph of a Warre eight setting out from Rafts on July 30, 1896, to row against the Eton eight. Five sons and three nephews of Dr Warre (then Head Master) are rowing, a fourth coxing; coaching them from his gig Bellona is Dr Warre himself, accompanied by his wife and daughter, while two other Warre girls watch from a distance.

Mr Richard Lloyd (August 14) has surely confused his headmasters. It was not Dr Cyril Alington but his brother-in-law and predecessor, Dr Edward Lytton, who confessed that he never walked up an aisle "without bowling an imaginary ball down it and wondering whether it would take spin". Lord Chandos quotes thus in his *Memoirs* (1962).

and the attribution is confirmed by Alington himself in his *Edward Lytton, an Appreciation* (1943). Edward captained Cambridge in 1878 and was one of the eight Lytton brothers to play Bromsgrove. Yours faithfully, PETER LAWRENCE, The Great House, Great Milton, Oxford. August 16.

### BBC stop play

From Mr R. B. Magor

Sir, No wonder the BBC need vetting when they cease broadcasting the Test match when England takes four Australian wickets for four runs.

Yours faithfully, R. B. MAGOR, The Lodge, Tadworth, Sussex. August 20.

great deal since 1970. New procedures have been introduced, but their advantages and disadvantages have still to be evaluated. The use of old interventions, like caesarian section, has increased, likewise without evaluation, but since 1978 the use of induction and forceps has decreased, in response to research findings.

Certainly there is no recent evidence to contradict the conclusions from the 1970 survey data and other results, that in most cases, at all levels of predicted risk, the obstetric interventions commonly practised in hospitals do not make birth safer. There is, therefore, urgent need for the policy for the maternity services, and the training of doctors and midwives, to be reconsidered and revised in the light of results. The National Health Service should find no financial obstacles in a retreat from expensive high-technology obstetrics to low-technology midwifery. Yours faithfully, MARJORIE TEW, 121 Brancote Lane, Wollaton, Nottingham.

## ON THIS DAY

AUGUST 21 1930

For over 300 years Syria was a province of the Ottoman empire. At the end of the 1914-18 war an Arab administration was installed under Feisal in Damascus, although the Sykes-Picot agreement of 1916 had stipulated that Syria would come under French rule. In 1920 Arab nationalists demanded independence and Feisal was proclaimed king - only to be deposed by the French who ruled the country under a mandate until its independence in 1941. Feisal, supported by the British, was made king of Iraq in August 1921, retaining there until his death in 1933 at the age of 50.

## THE EMIR FEISAL'S FALL.

### CONCESSIONS LEAD TO REBELLION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

HAIFA, Aug. 21 (by mail). The Emir Feisal who arrived here on August 11, suffering physically and mentally from the great strain of the past few weeks and months, granted me an interview in which he gave the following interesting details of recent events.

When in France, he said, M. Clemenceau had told him "You will go to Syria and collaborate with Gouraud who will help you". Certain working arrangements had been agreed upon between them and General Gouraud's orders were to act in accord. The reconciliation of Arabs and French was a point upon which M. Clemenceau laid particular stress and when the Emir Feisal returned to Damascus, one of the first things he did was to learn the advances to Gouraud with the object of a better understanding. But the more he advanced the more Gouraud receded.

In fact there was the demand of General Gouraud for the use of the railway for the transport of food and ammunition to the French troops in the north. This was granted on the understanding that France would recognize the independence of Syria. The Emir Feisal's side of the bargain was kept to the letter; the world now knows, he said, how the other side of the bargain was kept.

At the beginning of July the Emir was so far unsuspecting of any open act of hostility on the part of the French that he had General Gouraud for a steamer to take him to Europe to the peace Conference, where he wished to state his case. Gouraud's reply was that Feisal's wish would be granted conditionally. Nur Pasha, the Emir's aide-de-camp, was sent to learn the conditions, and it was now that he first heard of the five terms which afterwards on July 14 were officially issued to him as an ultimatum.

### THE FRENCH ULTIMATUM.

On July 14 the ultimatum was received, to expire at midnight on July 20. Its five conditions were:-

1. Acceptance of French mandate over Syria.
2. Immediate disbanding of Arab army at midday on the 19th.
3. The French to be allowed to occupy Rayak, Aleppo, Hama, Hama.
4. Acceptance of new French currency.
5. Punishment before July 31 to those responsible for the raids and pillage of certain villages.

These five conditions were accepted by Feisal and his Ministry. Three telegrams of acceptance were sent, one on July 15, and two on the 16th. Moreover, Colonel Toussaint was sent on the 19th in person to acquaint General Gouraud that his terms had been accepted.

In spite of all this, the French troops advanced and the Arab troops, withdrawn from Damascus at the time the French were advancing, they actually mingled with the French troops, a circumstance which seemed quite inexplicable to the Arab officers.

Nor could Feisal or his Ministers explain the French advance. They thought that the necessary orders for retreating could not have been received by the army. On July 21 therefore Colonel Toussaint and Colonel Cousse (French liaison officers) were sent to ask for the reason for the advance. General Gouraud's reply was that the Colonel Cousse was that the telegram accepting the terms had arrived two hours late, and for this reason the order for the advance had been given, and could not now be countermanded.

### REBELLION IN DAMASCUS

The day the army was disbanded (the 19th), the populace in Damascus was very agitated, and complained that they were being sold by the Government to the French. A serious rebellion took place, but was put down, not without leaving the Emir and his Ministers in a very embarrassed position, an embarrassment which made it very difficult to accept the terms of the "new ultimatum", and, in fact, these were not accepted, the answer of Feisal in substance being: "We have already fulfilled four of the conditions of the original ultimatum and the fifth will be fulfilled before July 31. We refuse war, we expect you to fulfil your part of the bargain and to withdraw your troops." The French troops began their action at 6 a.m. on the 22nd, being faced at Khan Mir Salim by a small army of disarmed Arabs. There was some serious fighting, but the task of the French was an easy one in the absence of the Arab Regular troops, and they entered Damascus without fighting on July 25.

### Deus ex machina

From Dr S. Harrison

Sir, No wonder the gods are angry when jumped-up speedboat seeks to lay claim to a trophy intended for the mighty queens of the ocean.

Surely there is a parallel between the holding of the Virgin Challenger (by a trident?) and the recent visitation on York Minster.

Yours faithfully, S. HARRISON, Courtlands, 3 Westfield Lane, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex. August 16.



## COURT AND SOCIAL

Princess Margaret celebrates her birthday today.

The Princess of Wales, as patron, the Newport International Competition for Young Pianists, will attend the final of the competition at the Newport Centre, Gwent, on October 13.

The Princess of Wales will open the new factory of Remploy at Coventry on October 16.

Princess Anne, as president of the Save the Children Fund, will speak about the fund at Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge, on October 13.

Princess Anne will visit Devon on October 14.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will attend a presentation ceremony at the Albert Hall on October 16.

## Marriages

Mr P. G. Carling and Miss L. E. M. ap Robert

The marriage took place at Cardiff on Wednesday, August 14, between Mr Philip George Carling, son of Mr O. M. Carling, of Cardiff, and Miss L. E. M. ap Robert, daughter of Judge Hywel ap Robert and Mrs ap Robert of Penarth.

Mr A. J. Craig and Miss C. Carter

The marriage took place quietly on Tuesday, August 20, in Chelsea of Mr Adam Craig, only son of the late Mr Barry Craig and Mrs Dora Verney, and Miss Christine Carter, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Carter of Colindale, London.

Mr G. M. Cutler and Mrs A. Geddes

The marriage took place on August 14 in Chelsea, between Mr Geoffrey Cutler and Mrs Annabel Geddes.

Mr D. M. Greene and Miss J. M. Eales

The marriage took place on August 10 at St John's Church, Meadowfield, Durham, between Mr David Michael Greene, son of Basil and Clare Greene, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Miss Janet M. Eales, daughter of Robert and Ann Eales, of Brandon, Durham. A reception was held at St Chad's College, Durham University.

Mr M. Miller Mundy and Miss M. M. Bellville

The marriage took place on August 14 at St Clement's Church, Rodell, Isle of Lewis with Harris, between Mr Mark Miller Mundy, youngest son of the late Peter Miller Mundy and Mrs Peggy Wallace, and Miss Miranda Mary Bellville, daughter of the late Anthony Bellville and Mrs Edward Roberts, of The White House, Benbridge, Isle of Wight.

Mr A. H. Taylor and Mrs H. R. Chalmers

The marriage of Mr A. Harvey Taylor, of Thorpe, Surrey, and Mrs Holly R. Chalmers, of Austin, Texas, took place on August 20, 1985, in Austin, Texas.

## Theatrical party

The annual theatrical garden party, in aid of the Combined Theatrical Charities Appeal Council and the Actors' Church Union, will be held in the grounds of the Actors' Church, St Paul's, Covent Garden, on Sunday, August 25, from noon until six o'clock.

The Duke of Kent, as vice-chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Lotus Cars in Norwich on October 11.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, and the Duke of Kent will attend the Norfolk and Norwich Triennial Festival Concert in Norwich on October 11.

Princess Alexandra will attend the annual lecture of the New Bridge at Britannia House on October 16.

Princess Alexandra will visit St Catherine's Hospice at Preston, Lancashire, on September 2.

Princess Alexandra will attend the preview of the inaugural exhibition of the Society for Wildlife Art for the Nation at the Guildhall Art Gallery, London, on October 3.

## Fortcoming marriages

Mr S. N. Gallimore and Miss C. E. Goodison

The engagement is announced between Simon Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs G. W. Gallimore, of St John's Wood, and Catherine Elizabeth, younger daughter of Sir Alan and Lady Goodison, of the Ministry of Defence, Dublin.

Mr P. F. J. Neale and Miss A. Fleetwood

The engagement is announced between Paul Francis Neale, son of the late Mr F. K. Neale and Mrs J. Hewson, of Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, and Kathryn Annalies, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. L. Fleetwood, of Colindale, London.

Mr P. J. E. Trew and Mrs J. Swift

A marriage has been arranged and will take place quietly between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Trew, of Weybridge, and Jo, daughter of Mrs E. E. Fawcett, of Poulton-le-Fylde, and the late Mr A. Haworth.

Mr A. C. Abbott, 64; Dame Janet Baker, 52; Lord Beswick, 73; Mr Christopher Brasher, 57; Sir Kenneth Cork, 72; Lord Goldman, CH, 72; the Hon Gerald Lascelles, 61; Mr Barry Norman, 52; Mr Sam Toy, 62; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Vickers, 57; Mr Mike Weston, 47.

## Birthdays today

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## Service luncheon

RASC and RCT Officers' Luncheon Club yesterday entertained at luncheon at Mark Masons Hall, Major-General D. H. Braggins, Director General, Transport and Movements, Brigadier D. N. Locke, chairman, presided.

## Apothecaries' Society

The following have been elected officers of the Apothecaries Society for the ensuing year: Professor J. A. Dudgeon, Master; W. F. W. Southwood, Senior Warden, and Dr J. Fisher, Junior Warden.

## Baby expected

The Princess of Wales interrupted her holiday at Balmoral Castle to fly to London yesterday to be with her sister, Lady Jane Fawcett, who is expecting to give birth very soon.

## Science report

## US-Soviet project to 'hook' gravity waves

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A proposal for a "skyhook" to catch gravity waves, made by a Russian and an American scientist, is probably the most fascinating and bizarre idea for a serious research project put forward this year. The plan is to place a strange looking device in orbit above the Earth.

Depending on the eventual design of the experiment the equipment would be in orbit between 1000 and 6000 kilometres above the ground and it would comprise two large cylinders or spheres. They would be connected by a cable 25 kilometres long and 0.6 millimetres diameter, in the centre of which is a spring.

The odd contraption is the inspiration of Vladimir Braginsky, of the physics faculty of Moscow State University, and Kip Thorne, of theoretical astrophysics, California Institute of Technology. The details and explanation of the thinking behind the skyhook gravitational-wave detector is published in the current issue of *Nature*.

They have published the calculations on which the design of the skyhook would

be based as a result of studies supported by the National Science Foundation, in Washington and the Soviet Ministry of Higher Education.

Their hope is that gravity waves emitted by huge galaxies and binary star systems in the distant parts of the universe will be detected by the device.

In principle, the instrument should oscillate when influenced by a wave, almost like a cork bobbing on a pond, and each of the large objects at each end of the cable will be responding with a slight time interval.

Behind the idea is the belief that gravity waves do exist, according to predictions which have been constructed from Einstein's theories.

While everyone knows that gravity is what keeps our feet on the ground and that the gravitational pull of the Moon and Sun regulates the oceans' rise on Earth, the concept of the emission of gravitational radiation that can be detected like radio waves is a stranger notion to accept.

While theoretical physicists have been intrigued by gravity

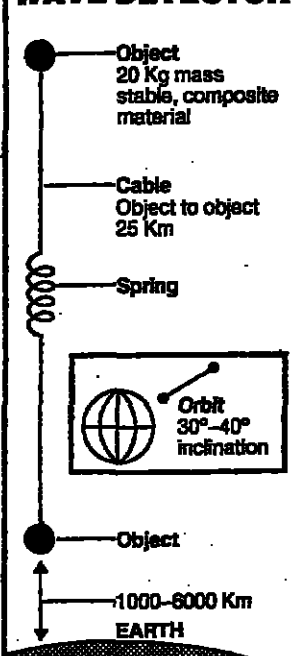
waves, the experimental scientist and astronomer have not had equipment to search for them until recently. The energy of the gravity is so small as to make a chance of interacting with even a sensitive instrument very remote.

Advanced electronics opened a possibility. In a book, *The Search for Gravity Waves*, Professor Paul Davies, of Newcastle University, described some of the immense and elaborate items of apparatus built in the attempt. But they are all ground-based instruments and subject to interference that makes separation of a possible gravity-wave signal from some other source, such as a seismic tremor, difficult.

Much of that problem could be overcome in space. The authors of the new idea suggest that the ultimate detector will be a yet-to-be-developed laser system on a spacecraft, perhaps in 15 to 20 years' time.

*Nature*, Vol 316, No 6029. *The Search for Gravity Waves*, by Professor Paul Davies (Cambridge University Press).

## SKYHOOK GRAVITATIONAL WAVE DETECTOR



## Law report August 21 1985

## Valid decision to separate mother and child

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte H

Before Mr Justice Tudor Price (Judgment delivered August 20)

The decision of the prison governor to separate a mother and baby because of the mother's misbehaviour, which was upstaging not only her own child but the other children in the unit, was a decision within his power to make.

Mr Justice Tudor Price so stated when refusing relief to a mother who had sought a declaration that the power granted under rule 9(3) of the Prison Rules 1964 had been unlawfully terminated by the governor without reference to the Secretary of State and in the alternative that the permission had been unlawfully terminated by reason of breach of natural justice. She sought also a declaration that the Secretary of State should order the continuation of the permission either at Ashham Grange or at another suitable establishment.

Rule 9 of the Prison Rules 1964 [S.I. 1964 No 388] provides that (1) women prisoners shall be kept entirely separate from male prisoners... (3) The Secretary of State may, subject to any conditions he thinks fit, permit a woman prisoner to have her baby with her in prison, and everything necessary for the baby's maintenance and care may be provided there.

Mr Edward Fitzgerald for the mother; Mr Christopher Symons and Mr Robert Jay for the Secretary of State; Mr Ian Lidd for the guardian ad litem.

MR JUSTICE TUDOR PRICE said that in April 1985 the applicant mother had been sentenced to 12 months' youth custody for fraud and deception when just a month short of her eighteenth birthday. She had been convicted on four previous occasions of offences for dishonesty. She was the mother of a baby girl who was only four months old at the date of sentence.

On May 1, 1985, the mother was transferred to Ashham Grange, an open prison which had a mother and baby unit. Ten days later the baby joined the mother in the mother and baby unit, where they remained until July 24, 1985. On that day the mother returned to a youth custody centre in Essex and the baby was placed with foster parents by the local authority under the provision of section 11(1) (b) of the Child Care Act 1980.

The mother had sought various forms of relief but the assistance of the court was being sought to order the Secretary of State to unite the mother and baby on the grounds that the decision to separate them was unfair, unreasonable and unlawful.

After evidence from the prison governor, Mr Fitzgerald, for the mother, had amended the original

application by inviting the court to make a declaration that the Secretary of State had not terminated the permission granted under rule 9(3) of the Prison Rules 1964, as it was not a permission that had been unlawfully terminated by the governor without reference to the Secretary of State.

In the alternative a declaration was sought that the permission had been unlawfully terminated by reason of breaches of natural justice and procedural failures and that the Secretary of State should order the continuation of the permission either at Ashham Grange or at another suitable establishment.

The evidence of the prison governor and the records kept at the mother and baby unit revealed a sad and unhappy picture of an 18-year-old girl at odds with herself and unable to settle into a calm and self-disciplined pattern of behaviour suitable for a girl with the responsibility for the care of an infant.

On July 9 the visiting psychiatrist had noted the mother's frustration and that she had demonstrated aggressive feelings and threats towards the child.

On July 12 the governor had told the mother that her misbehaviour had an unsettling effect on other babies as well as her own baby and that if it continued she would be moved and that the baby would go into care.

By July 18 the governor felt compelled to separate the mother and child and, as he was going away, arranged for the paediatrician to see the child and instructed the deputy governor to separate the mother and baby after the doctor's visit, unless the doctor recommended otherwise or if there was a dramatic improvement in the mother's behaviour. The doctor supported the governor's view, and the mother's behaviour did not improve. The mother broke the disciplinary rules again. The mother was returned to a youth custody centre and the baby went to foster parents.

There was ample material to justify the view which the governor formed. He was responsible not only to the individual prisoner and baby but for all the prisoners with babies in his care. After anxious consideration he formed the view that the mother was so disturbed and uncontrolled that she could not be allowed to remain there with her baby.

It was submitted that the Secretary of State could not delegate a decision to terminate a permission granted under rule 9(3) of the Prison Rules 1964 to a governor.

The Secretary of State was empowered by section 47(1) of the Prison Act, 1952 to make rules for the regulation and management of various institutions with the Prison Department "for the classification, treatment, employment, discipline and control of persons required to provide youth custody centres where young people may be detained and given training, instruction and work and prepared for their release". By section 12(5) of the 1952 Act the Secretary of State was given power to detain a young person in prison if he thought fit to do so and it was that power which enabled the Secretary of State to send a girl from a Youth Custody Centre to the mother and baby unit at Ashham Grange Open Prison.

In pursuance of rule 9(3) of the Prison Rules 1964 a Circular Instruction Number 358 (1983) was issued by the Head of the Prisons Divisions of the Home Office (P4) to all Prison Department Establishments which catered for females.

Paragraph 6 had been drawn up for the guidance of governors when deciding whether to admit a mother

and baby to a unit and stated that the governor should make the decision himself whether to admit in certain defined circumstances, but where a case fell outside the circumstances the governor should consult the P4 Division. It was clear from the circular instruction that the governor had the responsibility of deciding when a baby should be sent from the prison.

In his lordship's view rule 9, read carefully and in context, did not require the Secretary of State to reach a decision in individual cases and in accordance with well settled principle the Secretary of State could delegate his power.

It was also submitted that there had been a breach of natural justice because the mother was not informed of the governor's decision on July 18 and not given an opportunity to make representations.

It was a serious matter to separate a mother and baby and when such a step was contemplated the mother should be warned, allowed to have her say and given an opportunity to mend her ways. That was what happened. The mother was warned by the nursing staff and by the governor. The papers showed that the doctor and the Chief Probation Officer at the prison did the same.

## OBITUARY

## MAJ EDWARD COOPER, VC Gallantry at 3rd Ypres

Major Edward Cooper, VC, who has died at the age of 89, was serving as a sergeant with the King's Royal Rifle Corps during the 3rd battle of Ypres in August 1917, when he won his Victoria Cross for an act of fearless bravery, remarkable, perhaps, even by the standards of those times.

Born at Stockton-on-Tees on May 4, 1896, Cooper had elementary education and was working as an assistant on a distributive fruit cart of the local Co-operative Society on the outbreak of war in 1914. Enlisting, he was drafted to France with the 12th Battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps and had been promoted to sergeant on the eve of the fierce Flanders battles of 1917.

On August 16, 1917, at Langemark in Flanders, the advance of Cooper's battalion and the one flanking it in the line were halted by German machine guns firing from the cover of a concrete blockhouse at a range of 250 yards and both battalions began to take heavy casualties.

Cooper took four men, intending to rush the blockhouse but after 100 yards, finding the enemy's fire intense, he ordered two men to lie down and give covering fire while he and a lance corporal went on to the blockhouse. The lance corporal was wounded but Cooper got to the blockhouse and, firing his revolver through an aperture, compelled it to cease firing and surrender with its garrison of 44 men and one



officer and their seven machine guns.

Thus a grave impediment to the advance of the British infantry in that sector was removed.

On the following day Cooper and five men were buried alive by shellfire but were later dug out, one of their party having died. Cooper was personally congratulated by the commander of the 20th (Light) Division and his VC was gazetted September 14, 1917.

Subsequently commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, Cooper also received the French Médaille Militaire and after the war he reached the rank of Major.

Retiring from the army in that rank he became a JP and earlier this year had received the Freedom of the City of Stockton-on-Tees.

## MR LESTER COLE

Lester Cole, the American screenwriter who died on August 15 in hospital in San Francisco at the age of 81, was a founding member of the Screen Writers Guild in Hollywood and later became one of the members of the Hollywood 10 who were blacklisted during the McCarthy era.

Cole who was born in New York, the son of a Polish immigrant, left school at 15 to become a stage director and playwright but in 1932 went to Hollywood to work on the film *It Had a Million*.

An early activist in the cause of pay and conditions for the generality of workers in the film world, he helped start the Screen Writers Guild in 1933, and became known to some studio executives as the Hollywood Red.

Altogether he wrote more than 40 screenplays including *Blood on the Sun*, *Chain Lightning* and *Born Free*. Called before the House Un-

American Activities Committee in 1947 to give evidence on alleged communist influence in the film industry, Cole, along with 10 others, refused to testify, and he was jailed for contempt of Congress.

He served a year in prison and was later blacklisted and removed from the project on which he was then working, a screenplay called *Zapata the Unconquerable*. This later appeared as *Viva Zapata* scripted by John Steinbeck.

Unable to get further work in films in the United States, Cole worked in various menial jobs and in 1961 came to London where he tried to write plays though with little commercial success.

Later he returned to the United States where he did write further screenplays though under pseudonyms among them *Van der Valk*. He also taught screenwriting at the University of Southern California.

## DOWAGER VISCOUNTESS FALMOUTH

M. W. writes: May I pay tribute to the memory of Lady Falmouth on behalf of the many like myself who had the privilege of working with her on behalf of refugees?

When the Council of British Societies for Relief Abroad (COBSRA) was founded in 1943, the inspiration of the Red Cross, of which Daisy Falmouth was Chairman of the Civilian Relief Department, was critical. It was she who brought together the many voluntary agencies wishing to prepare for relief work in Europe when the longed-for day of liberation should arrive.

Her leadership, her instinctive sense of what kind of training was needed, her gift of oratory and her delicious sense of humour, plus her profound religious faith, led her to weld together this motley collection of members of the various societies so different in their ethos into an extremely successful band of devoted team workers when the time came.

Later when the camps in

Europe emptied through repatriation and emigration, those war victims who could not return to their own countries as a result of Yalta came in thousands as refugees to this country. So the British Council for Aid to Refugees came into existence to care for them.

In 1956 came the Hungarian uprising and, once again, Lady Falmouth rose to the occasion. Hundreds were expected within weeks, whereas 6,000 arrived within days, for whom provision had to be made. Thanks to her mobilizing the help of government departments, voluntary agencies and influential friends, the vast problems were resolved. Others held office in the BCAR but it was Lady Falmouth who made it function.

Those who worked with Daisy Falmouth will cherish an abiding memory of her and gratitude for having a share in the 40 years this very great lady devoted to the welfare of the homeless and the stranger at home and abroad. May she rest in peace.

## SHIVA NAIPAUL

P. P. writes:

Your somewhat lowering obituary notice of Shiva Naipaul underestimated the achievements of a novelist and the journalist whose output, including six books and many thousands of words of journalism, far from indicating "unfulfilled promise", in fact represented an extremely respectable output from a writer who died young and in who perfectionism and fastidiousness competed against the tyranny of publishers, editors and deadlines.

It is a tribute to Shiva that he was never overawed by the success already achieved by his distinguished brother, V. S., thirteen years his senior, but established his own independent reputation.

Two years ago he was named as one of the best of young British novelists, a recognition of his distinctive and individual voice, quite unlike that of any of his contemporaries, a voice that was developing in power and confidence with each of his three novels.

If he took a gloomy view of the state of race relations in Britain, while rejecting (to their dismay) the orthodox pieties of the post-colonialist, he could call on his own early experiences as a brown man in London's East End. Readers of the *Times* of last Saturday will recall the memorable complaint from his last book, *Beyond the Dragon's Mouth*, "Sufficient unto any man the handicap of being straightforwardly Indian or straightforwardly West Indian. But to contrive somehow to combine the two was a challenge to reason. An Indian from the West Indies! I was guilty of a compound sin."

Shiva Naipaul possibly because of the tenuous position of the community in which he was brought up was a sharp observer of the barbarous and the primitive, whether such characteristics were to be found among Australian aborigines, or in post-colonial Africa, the doomed American Indians in Guyana, or the confused Rastafarians in Brixton. He was also unusually a man of detachment, an occasionally abrasive voice in British journalism, capable of saying some painfully true things about our society.

There was, however, another dimension to the man. He had a gift for friendship, for companionship and for love which earned him an especially warm place in the affections of friends and colleagues. He was supported by the extraordinary devotion of his wife, Jenny, daughter of the BBC's Douglas Stuart, from his Oxford days onward, and both delighted in the son Tarun.

Nevertheless, there was always a rootlessness about Shiva Naipaul, a sense of belonging nowhere in particular, which afforded the stout independence, together with an edge and an extraordinary clarity to his writing, which will ensure that he is not forgotten.

Mr Trevor Robert Gray, MBE, who died on August 18 at the age of 66, was chairman of the Wales League of Friends 1970-84 and the Welsh Association of Community Health Councils 1974-82.

Mrs Peter Thomas, wife of the Rt Hon Peter Thomas, QC, MP, died on August 15 at the age of 58. She was the former Tessa Dean, and married in 1947.



## THE ARTS

David Robinson finds the Edinburgh Film Festival constant in its loyalties

## Eisenhower's staff reveal a secret rebellion

Next year the Edinburgh Film Festival will achieve its fortieth edition, which - even though Moscow and Venice were established before the Second World War - qualifies it as the world's longest-running uninterrupted international film event. Nor is any other festival so predictably constant in its loyalties: the Far East, American exploitation films, British independents, student films, Jean-Luc Godard - who this year has a selective retrospective and promises to arrive in person for the occasion.

Edinburgh, too, still honours its origins as a festival of shorts and documentaries. Short and medium-length films get a better showing here than at any other feature film festival in the world. The documentaries tend to sociological themes: an excellent group this year is dedicated to aspects of Black American culture: Chris Hegedus and D. A. Pennebaker's *Dance Black America*; Terry Zwigoff's *Leviathan*; about an eccentric veteran black musician; and Debra J. Robinson's ebullient *I Be Done Was Is*, in which a group of women comes describe, often in the raunchiest style, their professional experiences.

Greta Schiller and John Scagliotti

its *Beyond Stonewall* is an impeccably researched and absorbing history of half a century of homosexuality in America. "Stonewall" refers to the 1969 demonstrations by the San Francisco homosexual community, which did much to change the secrecy, shame and persecution which homosexuals had endured.

Elderly men and women talk of the guilt and fear of being gay in their youth, and of the first revolutions in the social position of homosexuals brought by the war. An impressive former WAAC officer recalls how her Commanding General - Dwight D. Eisenhower - ordered her to purge his command of lesbians. She replied forthrightly that she would have to be the first to go, and after that he would find his staff depleted by 90 per cent. Eisenhower rather swiftly countermanded his order when his private secretary snapped that by rank she

should be the first lesbian for the boot. For film historians, there is extraordinary archive footage, including extracts from a long-lost German film of 1919, Richard Oswald's *Different from the Rest*, with a high-camp performance by Conrad Veidt.

It might seem rash merely on the strength of a 30-minute student film to hail a new director as one of the brightest talents to emerge in British films since Bill Forsyth; but Christopher O'Reilly certainly looks like that on the strength of *Killing Time*. Not within memory has a film, made on such meagre resources of time and money, shown such authority, fluency and control of the most difficult technique of comedy.

As comedy it is decidedly black: two dull unemployed youngsters embarked in Eastbourne on the frolics of frustration. It is one from the heart, certainly: since finishing

his film and leaving college, O'Reilly is on the dole himself.

The performances of Peter Hugo-Daly and Andrew Lennox are perfectly judged, which makes it all the more surprising to learn that the director only started to work with them the day before shooting. *Killing Time* has not until now been seen in this country, though it was a prize-winner at the Munich Festival of Student Films, and went on to represent Britain in the shorts section of the Moscow Festival.

Another British medium-length fiction film surprised an audience expecting something didactic and theoretical from the participation of the revered critic Noel Burch in co-direction with Christopher Mason. The impersonation is nothing if not cheerful. Its mock-documentary approach appears to be a direct tribute to Peter Greenaway's imaginary quest for fictitious unknown artists.

The premise is that *The Impression* is made up of fragments of a film left uncompleted at Swindon College of Art, when Government cut closed the film department and sent its head to the Salvation Army hostel and an early death. The film within the film is a recreation of the life and work of a local primitive painter. The head of department from time to time interrupts with frantic memos, as the Godard group, the Fellini group, the O'Rierson group and the Pennabaker group in turn go off the rails. The fact that the film is an Arts Council production adds to the piquancy and (intended) confusion as to how much is hoax.

As usual, Edinburgh's blind spot is Eastern Europe. It is never clear whether this reflects audience resistance or a lack of co-operation from the Eastern European industries themselves. This year there are only one and a half films from socialist Europe. The third is

represented by the Polish part of Krzysztof Zanussi's Polish-American-West German co-production *The Year of the Quiet Sun*, a prize-winner at last year's Venice Festival. The film is an uncharacteristically tender, melancholy, even sentimental drama from a director who is usually much more austere in approach. It is a brief, unwilling encounter between two castaways of the war, a lonely middle-aged Polish woman and an American soldier charged with the awful task of exhuming concentration camp victims. "Now that we are faced with the threat of another war, I feel it is right to re-evolve the experiences of our parents' generation."

The full import of Gyula Gazdag's *The Resolution*, from Hungary, probably passed by a lot of the Edinburgh audience, but this long, relentless *cinema vérité* study is the most powerful first-hand exposé of

the individual's role in which the socialist system.

Gazdag follows the stage of a dispute at a collective farm, as the local party organises endeavours to unseat the party collective chairman, whose power is disturbed. The whole process is carried through according to the proper machine v. until the proper machinery reveals awkwardly that the collective wants its chairman to stay on. But the party has its methods... the chairman goes. It is surprising that the local party people so naively delivered themselves up to this exposure: less surprising that the film, shot in 1972, was held back for 11 years before release.

Several of Edinburgh's major feature presentations are due for release in London in the next few weeks; so it is enough to say that Wes Craven's *A Nightmare on Elm Street* is a very superior example of the teenage horror cycle, while Wayne Wang's *Dim Sum* is a story of family life in San Francisco's Chinatown, made by an unashamed admirer of Ozu, who adds his own rich mix of humour and affection to his borrowings from the Japanese master.

Dore Conway

Opera: Paul Griffiths at the Salzburg Festival  
Life sliding gently into artCapriccio/  
Cosi fan tutte  
Kleines Festspielhaus

Strauss expressed the wish before his last opera was complete that it might be presented within "the special cradle" of the Salzburg Festival, but it happened only in 1950, the year after his death, and then not again until now. In some measure Johannes Schaal's production makes up for the neglect: it is certainly intelligent and inventive, even if in pace and atmosphere it often more strains than accommodates the opera.

Schaal's most conspicuous success is in overcoming the dilemma about whether *Capriccio* is properly set in 1775, as it ostensibly requires, or much nearer the time of its composition, as recent fashion has preferred. Quite simply, he gets the best of both worlds. We begin somewhere around 1930, and then gradually, as opportunity allows, characters slip off to come back in eighteenth-century clothes, preparing themselves for the opera they will have decided to make of the day. So life slides gently and ineluctably into art.

However, the slide would take place more easily were it not for the fierce art-deco verticals in Andreas Reinhardt's set. The stage machinery is complicated, and there are intermittent vistas of a more comfortable rococo through the modern screens, but still the performance has to take place throughout against this grid, which makes a tearing dissonance with the soft curves of the score. Or at least it should do so: in the event Horst Stein's powerfully insensitive conducting

regular visual rhythm, and one is left very much regretting the absence of Klaus Tennstedt, who was originally to have conducted this production.

Perhaps that lack is all the more keenly felt because the central performance is wanting in dramatic substance. Anna Tomowa-Sintow produces a beautiful, creamy sound, but words are rarely allowed to intrude and sense almost never. To be sure, she is not specially helped by a modern costume which dresses her up as a bottle of milk, and which she has to keep while others are changing into Mozartian elegance. Still, the real problems are those of voice and demeanour. Tomowa-Sintow has been Salzburg's Marschallin this last couple of years, but here she looks and sounds like a grown-up though still quite naive Sophie. There is scarcely any feeling of her delicate engagements with the rival young artists, and her final monologue seems the expression of an attractive yet essentially uncomplicated and uncommitted personality.

The supporting cast, though, is full of character. Trudelliese Schmidt predictably and gloriously takes command of the stage with her gamine Clairon, and she sings superbly. Eberhard Buchner as Flämann sounded too much the character tamer on the night I heard him, but Franz Grundheber makes a strong impression as Olivier, presenting by his robust, feeling voice and gesture a man who has a great deal deeply at stake, both personally and professionally. Manfred Jungwirth is an eminently likeable La Roche and Anton de Ridder a pleasantly-voiced Monsieur Taupé. On the other hand, the Italian singers must be among the unfunniest to have appeared in this opera.

Sharing the Kleines Festspielhaus with the new *Capriccio* is Michael Hampe's 1982 production of *Così fan tutte*, conducted by Riccardo Muti, and still with pretty much the original cast - the cast too of the EMI recording. Here the shift between art and life is made with marvellous ease and subtlety from moment to moment, with the flick of a wrist. Don Alfonso may appear to be showing us a charade, drawing curtains to and fro on the action, but then he is quite capable of stepping in and playing it for real. Fiordiligi may seem to be suffering some genuine turmoil of spirit, but then just for a second she will sway her head in time to the accompaniment.

And what accompaniment! Having played with unyielding squareness for Stein, the Vienna Philharmonic respond with supreme sensuousness and care for Muti and Mozart. It would be easy to say that this is a very Italian *Così*, since it looks so sunnily Mediterranean, but in fact Muti gives a deeply textured and often surprisingly spacious account of the score. The only infelicity in the instrumental performance is the tiresomely tricky harpsichord.

Among the singers, Margaret Marshall remains a golden Fiordiligi and Kathleen Battle a quick, witty Despina. Francisco Araiza and James Morris are aptly contrasted but also well matched as the young men: Araiza a lyrical dreamer who has his fantasies to help him survive disappointment, Morris a more down-to-earth character who is also more easily knocked off balance. Sesto Bruscantini is now the deceptively straightforward Alfonso and Ann Murray a gorgeous, vivid Donabella. This is Salzburg Mozart at its finest.

Dance  
Homage to Diaghilev  
Palace, Manchester

Here is an enterprise which Frank Dunlop must regard as a triumph. From the French-accented fastnesses of this year's Edinburgh Festival, The Manchester Palace, having since its reopening presented several foreign ballet companies as part of larger tours, has this time brought one of France's leading companies, Ballet Théâtre Français from Nancy, exclusively for a week of performances with a programme of works created in France between 1911 and 1924. Manchester incidentally thus becomes the only city in Britain where you can see a big classical ballet company this week.

The common factor is that the works given were all made for the Diaghilev Russian Ballet, and Nureyev's presence in two of them ensures (pace the fashionable Nureyev-bashers) the full houses that make the presentation practicable. His interpretation of Nijinsky's great roles in *Petrushka* and *L'après-midi d'un faune* remains a source of pleasure; in fact, I think his *Petrushka*, if anything, has become even more expressive in its eagerness and tragedy.

The company's production is a very sound one, the crowds constantly animated without ever going over the edge of exaggeration. It is probably chance that makes one of the street dancers' organisers look rather like Diaghilev and the other like Stan Laurel. The two grooves (Edouard and Richard Coudray) and the Devil (Franck Perrin) are notably vigorous.

In *Fanny Nureyev's* alert, sensuous performance is well supported by Françoise Dubuc's elusive remoteness as the leading nymph. In this ballet Nureyev pays homage to Nijinsky as choreographer as well as dancer: ballet's superior of our generation saluting his illustrious predecessor.

Wisely, Nureyev has relinquished the Nijinsky role in this programme. *Le Spectre de la rose*, I hold no great hopes of ever again seeing anyone dance it as well as he used to do, but Patrick Armand has the stamina, the fluency and the softness to make the part entirely acceptable. Alexander Wells gives a delicately Victorian account of the girl whose



Nureyev's Fanny: alert and sensuous

romantic dream he represents. Armand is the leading man also in *Les Biches*, dancing the Adagio with Adeline Charpentier as the ambiguous creature in a blue tunic. Her arms and her eyes are not always absolutely convincing, but Armand has the character of the besotted athlete perfectly. Didier Chazeau and Yves Kordian, well matched with their long, thin faces and long, slender legs, play the other two men, partnering Françoise Dubuc as the dizz hosts.

The choreographies of Nijinsky, Nijinska and Fokine are, thanks to Diaghilev's taste, supported by outstanding scores and designs. The orchestra for this Manchester week is specially recruited, and, if the

conductor's name is in the programme, my careful search has missed it, but they play acceptably enough, with Poulenc and Stravinsky having the edge on Weber and Debussy.

For whatever reason, whether the restrictions of the stage or the exigencies of touring, the lighting does not always show off the decors to perfect advantage, but Ballet Théâtre Français always take great care about the reproduction of historic decors, and these are no exception. Bakst, Benois and Marie Laurencin provide a visual display that alone would be worth an effort to see. Manchester and Nancy can be proud of their ambitions and their success in realizing them.

John Percival

## Britain's lack of technique

Assiduous fringe balletomanes could have collected at least 14 different programmes in Edinburgh last week; there will be different selections this week and next. I got to six of them between other commitments, forgoing others because of clashes, previous experience or, in the case of Geographical Duet (watch a bus on Waverley Bridge and be taken to see performances in "the most beautiful and surprising venues the city can offer"), because the weather did not encourage alfresco entertainment.

Much the best fringe dancing I saw was provided by Riverside Dance Works, one of several troupes from the University of California appearing at the Heriot-Watt Theatre. Their early afternoon show lasted just under an hour, during which time they gave three solos and four group dances. The three soloists, Julie Satow, Daryll Stokes and especially, Julie Gehrke Miller, were all good dancers whose own choreography, although not startlingly original, was varied and well devised.

Further variety was provided by the contributions from four other choreographers, among whom the faculty members Lisbeth Davidow and Stephanie Gilliland presented notably assured work in a light vein. Riverside Dance also has a good designer in Patricia Paine.

By contrast with these lively Americans, most of the British contributions simply lacked sufficient dance technique to give them an adequate vocabulary. Some of the Michaelis group (YWCA Theatre) showed enterprise in subject-matter or music, but their attempts at dance creation were pitifully like a man trying to compose sonnets in a language of which he knows only a few dozen words.

Zip Dance Company (Chaplaincy Centre), an all-woman group, proved brisker, less cerebral, more willing to entertain and even amuse an audience, but again the actual movement content of their works was limited.

Journeymen, a group of three, succeeded better with *La Malinche* (St Columba's by the Castle, continuing this week) because they use dance, speech, chanting and music to illustrate the story of Malinche, daughter of a Mexican king but sold into slavery by her mother, who

helped Cortez to conquer her land, mistaking him for the expected white god Quetzacoatl. Mala Sikka and Debbie Green convey different aspects of their heroine; Sue Weston, as the conquistador, probably establishes a Fringe record by pronouncing "blood" as a trisyllable. Spanish and oriental influences give their very simple dancing more interest. Keith Bray plays his own score on a variety of instruments.

John Percival

SCOT/ Knussen  
Queen's Hall,  
Edinburgh

Despite its Francophile leaning the Edinburgh Festival has not neglected Bach's tercentenary. A commission to Alexander Goehr has produced... a musical offering (*J.S.B. 1985*), given a well prepared premiere by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra under Oliver Knussen. Connections between this work and Bach's original do seem to exist more in Goehr's mind than within the listener's perception. A three-part fugue, boldly scored for brass with some exotic counter-subject material including maracas shakes, was certainly audible in the Prelude, and the rampant piling-up of sounds at the end could be regarded as a modern variant on the baroque pedal-point. A gentle Récit, utilizing six fugue entries like its famous predecessor, also captured something of Bach's polyphonic serenity.

But when Goehr likens the middle movement, a variation set entitled "Ancient Dance Steps", to Bach's dance suites audiences may be hard pressed to detect the supposed similarity, just as they might be baffled by his structural use of an "Alphabet code" on the initial JSB. Better perhaps for listeners simply to enjoy Goehr's skilful handling of four groups of players: a brass trio; clarinets and percussion; upper strings and flutes; and piano and double bass.

The Prelude tossed small ideas around with Goehr's characteristically jerky energy, but in the variations there was more spaciousness, and some

## Concerts

idiomatic writing for each group. One unusual feature of this 14-piece ensemble was the lack of firm bass, a very unbaroque trait, as was demonstrated by the SCO's rhythmic alert accounts of Handel's *Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 5* and Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No 4*. John Tunnell led both of these by fine example from the solo violin desk.

Also played was Goehr's 1980 Sinfonia, written in Jerusalem and quoting the hymn "Pray that Jerusalem may have Peace and Felicity" in its lush chamber-orchestra textures, impassioned violin writing and Stravinsky-like use of odd but apt wind sonorities. It presented a highly contrasting sort of musical offering.

## Richard Morrison

## BBCPO/Klee

## Albert Hall/Radio 3

Bernhard Klee's second Prom with the BBC Philharmonic, an all-German programme, this time began with a sparkling account of the *Prometheus Overture*, which Beethoven wrote when he was still what would now be called a "promising young composer". The conductor's usual unerring flair for tempo paid immediate dividends in a performance of scintillating liveliness and precision, reminding us of just how good an instrument this orchestra has now become.

Nor do these players merely mark time when they are not the centre of attention: their contribution to Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto was exemplary. Bruno Leonardo Gelber's handling of the piano part was nothing if not strongly characterized, but in a questioning kind of way. William Mann's programme note accurately pointed out how the opening flourish of arpeggios is integrated into the subsequent flow of the first movement; Gelber's treatment of them was pianistically interesting but somewhat off the point.

Klee at once responded with a beautifully paced opening tutti, and these two different angles of approach never really pulled together subsequently. Gelber's rather hard-edged piano tone in the outer move-

ments would have been more appropriate to Prokofiev than Beethoven, but he found a much happier vein of lyricism in the Adagio.

The second half began with Bernd Alois Zimmermann's *Stille und Einheit* of 1970, a strange little piece consisting of 10 minutes of hushed and fragmentary sonorities eddying around a sustained middle D. It remains debatable whether any kind of valid artistic statement can be achieved in a context where nothing "happens", or indeed is meant to "happen", musically speaking; but Zimmermann certainly poses the question searching enough.

Richard Strauss's *Death and Transfiguration* at least sets out to convince in quite ingenious terms, even if it always sounds a little self-conscious. Nineteenth-century-style agonizings and sublimations were never really Strauss's particular ball-game. Klee however made the best possible case for the piece, securing a strong if occasionally slightly over-fierce response from the brass; the blend of strings and woodwind had exactly the right kind of Straussian sheen, and the percussion was finely sustained.

## Malcolm Hayes

So persistent is the history of mob violence that, if football hooliganism were to disappear, some other form of hooliganism would rapidly take its place; this, at least, was the unspoken moral of Hooligan (Thames), which managed to move beyond the predictable remarks of various "concerned" parties by interviewing the hooligans. On this occasion they were the young Londoners who support West Ham United and are known as the "ICF" or "Inter-City Firm". There was nothing particularly modernized about them, however, and one of them said revealingly "we fight only people like ourselves". In other words, they are a small urban tribe for whom the game of football is only one readily available form of identity.

This was an interesting documentary precisely because it questioned the offenders themselves, although the novelty of presentation was somewhat modified by the presence of several sociologists

Theatre  
If You Wanna Go to  
Heaven  
Shaw

The daunting requirement of the Tescos Playwriting Competition is for "plays of an epic nature" in which most characters should be within the 14 to 20 range of the National Youth Theatre. You could go to your grave searching for an appropriate subject, but Christie Tiller has found one in her piece on the Women's Land Army; and for the first few scenes of *If You Wanna Go to Heaven* you can share the enthusiasm of the judges who gave it the first prize.

Esther, stuck at home in a boring job, quits her mother's black looks and enrolls as a Land Girl. Things start moving fast. First over the threshold into the warden's bungalow, she gets elected forewoman, much to the resentment of the toffened Celia. The other girls, boldly differentiated in everything from print frocks to furs, also present a gallery of promising character types: bookworm, man-eater, country hearties and town mice.

## How, you wonder, will this lot adjust to the mud, dawn

rising and sexless costume? What impact will they make on the rural community? And how will they relate to the army manoeuvres in the next field - as members of the one part of the war effort devoted to life rather than death?

These questions are certainly on the author's mind, and now and then she follows them up: as in a scene where the haughty Celia locks horns with a bullying farmer, whom Esther then threatens to put on the spot for black marketeering. Also, the play evidently intends to present the Land Army as a chapter in feminist history, by introducing the figure of Shirley, a conscientious objector who vainly tries to persuade Esther to complete her break from the past by studying as a teacher.

The scene, however, comes late and unprepared in the play. Indeed, Miss Tiller's idea of epic writing seems to exclude narrative preparation and any but the most rudimentary personal relationships. My apologies to Nicholas Woodson, whose name I garbled in noticing his performance as Largewill in *Tell Me Honestly*.

## Irving Wardle

brutal and thuggish, they are not necessarily illiterate as well; some of them even managed to find explanations for their behaviour which were not dissimilar from those of the sociologists: "It's more important to be loyal to your mates" was one of the cant phrases repeated with a score of other clichés. One hooligan, aggrieved at the actions of the police, even suggested an analogy with the miners.

What their conduct amounts to, however, is crowd savagery and irrational mob violence no different from that of the fascist mobs in pre-war Germany or the lynch parties of the old South. The fact that such violence is now inextricably associated with the conduct of the English overseas makes it all the more abhorrent. It has nothing to do with "working-class culture" - or at least, if it does, that "culture" is worth less than nothing.

## Peter Ackroyd

Television  
Shameful  
tribes

who explained and seemed almost to excuse the conduct of "the lads" (as one of the academics persisted in calling them) in terms of social context and "working-class culture". You would almost think they approved of hooliganism, if only as a nice example of their theories.

But certain facts did emerge in the course of the programme: the hooligans tend to be well dressed, and characteristically in employment (some of them with such ordinary burdens as mortgages); they are not affected either by excessive drink or by the propaganda of the National Front, and apparently they are well organized by their leaders. And, although they are

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# FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

## The Bank wakes up to Stock Exchange ways

If you are going to close a stable door after the horse has bolted, you had better slam it hard to show how serious the whole matter is. In the case of bank supervision, there is an additional reason for erring on the side of overreaction to the lessons of Johnson Matthey Bankers. The Stock Exchange "Big Bang" next year, shorthand for all the mixing up of financial services and the entry of outsiders into dangerous markets, will place great strain on financial supervision and possibly even greater strain on the credibility of supervision systems.

Such reasoning seems to lie behind the Bank of England's latest consultation paper in the wake of the report of what may be termed the JMB aftermath committee. It covers the relationships between auditors, banks and supervisors and goes noticeably further than the recommendations of the committee.

In particular the Bank envisages direct bilateral contacts between its supervisors and a bank's auditors, while not a regular practice, should not merely be the last resort. The committee, under the chairmanship of Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, merely recommended powers to permit direct communication "in exceptional circumstances".

This is a healthy development. One of the faults of exceptional powers, such as the Bank's authority to put in inspectors, is that rare usage leads to a reluctance ever to invoke the powers.

The possibility, not to put too fine a point on it, that auditors will blow the whistle behind a management's back, also increases the general authority of the auditors. This was one of the purposes of the main committee recommendation in this area, to permit auditors to breach the normal confidentiality of their contract with a limited company.

This more relaxed attitude to the old taboos on direct contacts between supervisors and auditors extends to auditors providing a report on internal management systems separate from its normal management report to its clients and the supervisors sending copies of communications with banks direct to auditors. Many of the Bank's general proposals are already in force in other countries.

The model for these informal relationships should be the Stock Exchange practice (permissible because the Exchange is dealing with partnership) even if the Bank is too proud to say this. The effect of greater clout for auditors is surely that they will be able to persuade bank management's to take a more cautious line where the auditors think necessary, or explain themselves to the supervisors. The auditors will have a greater incentive to do this because the supervisors reserve the right to comment on their professional competence and because they will be even more open to expensive lawsuits if things go wrong.

The solace is that they should be earning extra fees for all this extra checking and reporting. Those costs will be borne by the banks. It may be a sop to the natural objections of bankers that the consultation paper envisages bringing the UK branches of foreign banks more closely into this supervising net, complete with compulsory employment of a United Kingdom auditor. This surprisingly tougher approach seems a sensible precaution, especially for those involved in the complexities of the "Big Bang".

And that, perhaps, is what anyone judging the proposals for a new banking supervision law should bear in mind. The JMBs are rareties. The most likely potential source problems in supervision in future years will surely come with the hybrid financial groups bringing together aspects of banking and dealing and with the development of building societies.

**An improbable picture from the NIESR**

The National Institute's latest forecast presents the Government with something of a curate's egg. Parts of it are surprisingly good - but it is unlikely that the electorate would be able to separate the taste of low inflation from the bad smell of a further rise in unemployment.

The National Institute for Economic and Social Research has not been unduly optimistic about inflation in the past. Now, however, it forecasts a sharp fall: for 1986 as a whole, the increase projected in retail prices is only 3.5 per cent. That is so close to Mrs Thatcher's target of 3 per cent before the next election that it would seem

highly unlikely she would not be able to shave off the remaining half per cent, thus greatly enhancing her electoral credibility. But the rest of the picture looks so improbable as virtually to rule out this particular scenario. It is not likely that the Chancellor, who has been making staunch comments about the durability of the present recovery, would be prepared to see it peter out next year in the way described by the National Institute, which sees virtually no growth through 1986; in particular, he would never be permitted by industry to allow competitiveness to deteriorate so much. Since the wage front looks gloomy, with pressure building up in the public sector and the private sector paying little heed to Mr Lawson's strictures, this means he will have to allow the exchange rate to be weaker than the National Institute assumes.

In practice, therefore, this is less a projection of likely reality than an illustration of the Chancellor's difficulties - and in particular, the trials and tribulations of the government's monetary strategy. Both the public sector borrowing requirement and sterling M3 are, in the National Institute's forecast, way over target next year.

Its projection for public borrowing is probably too pessimistic, taking account of the overflow of tax revenues generated by this year's inflation. And Sterling M3 has for all practical purposes been wiped off the Government's scoreboard in favour of good little M0 (which even in the National Institute's book remains just within its target range, rising 6 per cent in 1986-87). But the National Institute criticises the cost of pursuing these targets: it is highly critical of the effect of recent exchange rate instability and - grudgingly - supports the case for entry into the European Monetary System.

One minor point of cheer on the trading side of Britain's accounts: the National Institute suggests a substantial surplus on current account this year, and even a high exchange rate and falling oil prices reduces it only moderately next year. Looking - in a special article - at longer-term trends, the National Institute suggests that the steady rise in Britain's imports of manufactured goods has less to do with our famous lack of competitive edge in such things as delivery and design, and a lot to do with increasing productive specialization.

## Survival of fittest in new pension regime

As the dust settles after the Government's announcement that the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme (SERPS) will begin to be phased out in 1987, the pensions prospect is becoming a little clearer. The probable winners and losers from the new regime are admirably summarized in a report, *The Personal Pensions Revolution*, published yesterday by the Economist Intelligent Unit. At least some areas of the debate can now be dismissed as irrelevant. As the report points out, the question of whether SERPS will really become unaffordable in 50 years' time is beside the point.

Whether or not Government projections are correct, the real driving force behind the changes is political. The only sensible course left is to accept that change will come and look to the future.

For private occupational schemes, the future looks quite tough. They will be hit hard by the changes already being effected, requiring them to upgrade frozen pensions by the rate of inflation or 5 per cent, and by the requirement to provide "fair" compulsory transfer values to people changing jobs. Among other effects, this will force schemes to stay more liquid, reducing their investment income.

The additional costs and administrative burden placed on them by the changes, together with a probably 5 to 10 per cent take-up of personal pensions by company scheme members, means few schemes will survive the next few years unscathed, the report concludes. But some change was probably on the cards in any case. Among schemes contracted out of SERPS, costs have escalated rapidly over the last 10 years. The fat investment surpluses earned in the last few years only just make up for the deficits incurred in the 1970s.

That is not to suggest that the new pensions regime will be much cheaper, however, and in the long-term the increasing expense is likely to make alternative forms of investment more attractive. Profit-sharing and share-option schemes are an obvious alternative.

## Enterprise makes £120m bid for Saxon despite opposition

By Ian Griffiths

After a week of uncertainty, boardroom splits and Takeover Panel intervention, Enterprise Oil has at last made a formal £120.6 million offer for Saxon Oil.

The terms were released yesterday, but only after a last-minute meeting between Saxon's chairman, Mr Brian Cartledge, and Enterprise executives, had cleared up some of the outstanding ambiguities resulting from Saxon's announcement on Monday that its board had voted narrowly to recommend the offer.

Enterprise, led by its chief executive, Mr Graham Hearn, was unclear about the position of Saxon's financial advisers, Schroders. Enterprise wanted assurances that Schroders was representing the Saxon board and not the dissenting members. These were given and after some uncertainties over the

paper element of the Enterprise offer had been clarified the terms were published soon after 3pm.

Saxon shareholders have been offered 540p a share in cash. There is also an option to elect for 20 per cent of the consideration in the form of Enterprise shares. This proportion may be extended, providing the aggregate amount of Enterprise shares issued as part of the deal does not exceed 20 per cent.

There is also an option for Saxon shareholders to elect for part of the consideration to be in the form of unsecured loan notes, which would assist with capital pains planning.

The Saxon share price rose 50p to 540p as Enterprise went into the stock market early yesterday to build up a 14.9 per cent stake. It had made a small

purchase of shares on Monday night.

Despite the recommendation from the Saxon board, it is clear that Enterprise will still have a struggle to woo its shareholders. Mr John Heaney, Saxon's managing director, and one of the board members who voted against recommending the offer, is preparing a minority statement to shareholders, explaining why he believes the offer should be rejected.

Mr Heaney said: "There is still a substantial element of uncertainty over whether Enterprise can win their major shareholder's (Rio Tinto-Zinc's) support. I have reason to believe that they can't and therefore would not recommend it".

He would not amplify his reasons for suspecting that RTZ, which owns 29.9 per cent

of Saxon, would not support the bid.

RTZ would not comment on the Enterprise bid last night. The proposed takeover has to win the support of Enterprise shareholders and the outcome will be decided by those voting at an extraordinary meeting next month. The resolution requires only a simple majority.

Enterprise told the Saxon board last week it believed that shareholder approval would be readily obtained, but not guarantee of RTZ's support has been either sought or given.

Charterhouse Petroleum, whose proposed merger with Saxon Oil - which received the recommendation of both boards last month - is now in jeopardy, is giving careful consideration to pulling out of the merger option altogether.

Yesterday the offer of the merger was extended for a further week.

## Dollar recovers after surprise 2% rise in American GNP

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The dollar recovered sharply yesterday after a surprise upward revision of United States gross national product in the second quarter. The pound, down nearly two cents at one stage, closed 90 points down at \$1.3887. Later in New York it was quoted at \$1.39.

The Commerce Department in Washington announced the real GNP rose at an annualized rate of 2 per cent in the April-June period.

The department's preliminary estimate was of growth of 1.7 per cent, and the American markets had been expecting a downward revision to 1-1.5 per cent.

The upward revision was mainly due to a rise in business stocks of \$2.5 billion. The Commerce department said. The second quarter growth rate of 2 per cent, while still well

below last year's expansion, is an improvement on the first quarter annualized rise of 0.3 per cent.

Both the White House and the Federal Reserve Board have predicted a strong second-half bounce for the economy, which will produce growth for the year of about 3 per cent. However, unofficial forecasts from the Commerce Department yesterday suggested that a growth rate of 3-2.5 per cent is more likely.

A 3 per cent growth rate for the period from fourth quarter to fourth quarter would require an annualized expansion of nearly 5 per cent in the second half of the year.

Real GNP rose \$8.1 billion to \$1,671.6 billion in the second quarter, after a first quarter rise of \$1.1 billion. Net exports dropped \$4.9 billion after a \$15 billion first quarter decline.

The stronger rise in GNP in the second quarter did not prevent a decline in post-tax corporate profits. Profits were down by \$500 million, or 0.4 per cent on a year earlier.

The upward revision of GNP was accompanied by a small downward revision in the overall inflation measure, the GNP deflator, from 2.8 to 2.7 per cent at an annualized rate.

The GNP figure has probably delayed any easing of policy by the American authorities.

It has also probably put off any early chance of lower base rates in Britain.

The US money supply will be restrained to within its targets in the event of stronger second half economic growth, the Federal Reserve chairman, Mr Paul Volcker, said in a letter to the Senate Banking Committee.

## Queens Moat increases profits and expands

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Queens Moat Houses, one of Britain's largest hotel chains following a series of purchases, yesterday brought in interim pretax profits up 45 per cent on turnover that was up by a quarter. It also announced the purchase from Telford Development Corporation of the long lease of Telford Hotel golf and Country Club, Salop, which has 58 bedrooms.

The deal, believed to be worth less than £2 million, brings the number of hotels in the Queens chain to 65, three of them under construction. One of these is also at Telford, due to open in the middle of next year and will have 100 bedrooms.

Queens Moat is looking to buy more hotels, and negotiations are under way, but the company is avoiding central London because of property prices.

Pretax profits in the six

months to mid July were £4.05 million on a turnover of £35.57 million. Interim dividend is 0.765p per share, a 15 per cent increase on the last time. A rights issue of £26.07 million was completed in May, with 94 per cent subscribed by existing shareholders, thus reducing gearing and opening the way to further expansion.

Good trading and an increasing contribution from the chain's purchases at the end of 1983 boosted the interim results.

Mr John Bairstow, chairman, said: "The excellent trading of the first half of this year continues in the second six months." The full benefit of the rights issue cash will also show through then. Bookings for next year are described as promising.

Queens Moat bought 26 provincial hotels from Grand Metropolitan in 1982.

## Shares in Milbury suspended

By Jeremy Warner

The Stock Exchange yesterday suspended dealings in the shares of Milbury, the house-building and construction company headed by the financier Mr Jim Raper, pending clarification of the company's position.

The shares were suspended at 18p, valuing the company at little more than £2 million. Only last month the shares hit a high for the year of 92p, but they have since plummeted on persistent rumours of cash-flow difficulties, house sale problems and suggestions that Mr Raper's master company, St Piran's, has sold its controlling 78.7 per cent stake.

Mr Raper, who was once described by the Takeover Panel as "unfit to be a director of a public company", was unavailable for comment last night. However, he was earlier quoted as saying that the share stake had been sold and that ownership of Westminster Property Group, which Milbury bought in a deal worth £10 million two years ago, had been transferred from Milbury to St Piran.

The Company Announcements Department of the Stock Exchange said it had not received notification of these transactions.

## Weaker US car market starts sales battle

From Maxwell Newton, New York

The United States car market has started to soften, and now competition between the main American car producers had stepped up fiercely.

General Motors led the way with a massive promotion campaign based on 7.7 per cent financing for most of its cars. This would save about \$1,600 (£1,120) on a \$9,500 loan. During the first half of the year the average sales rate for private cars was more than eight million units a year. The

second half figure is likely to be fewer than eight million units a year.

The producers are being hit by two forces: first there is the general sluggishness of the economy, in particular the recent tendency for consumer borrowing to taper off; second there is the huge flow of imported cars from Japan.

Now Ford and Chrysler have joined General Motors with "incentive" financing programmes.

## Pit pension assets at £2.6bn

Accounts of the Mineworkers Pension Fund show that the market value of its investments rose from £2,259 million to £2,648 million in the year to September 1984. Clare Dobie writes. Overseas investments accounted for 16 per cent of the total at the year end.

Shareholdings in listed companies were valued at £1,184

million. The largest seven holdings include three oil companies, British Petroleum, Shell Transport and Trading and Royal Dutch.

Property was also important, with a value of £629 million. Fixed interest gifts accounted for a further £308 million.

The accounts show a £637 million deficit but the actuary

reports that this should soon be made up with additional contributions.

The effect of the pit dispute, when neither the strikers nor the National Coal Board made contributions, has yet to be resolved in the courts. It is not clear whether miners' will have to pay the missing contributions in a lump sum.

## MARKET SUMMARY

### STOCK MARKETS

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| FT Ind Ord         | 982.2 (+10.1)     |
| FT All Share       | 632.16 (+5.22)    |
| FT Govt Securities | 83.33 (-0.27)     |
| FT-SE 100          | 1307.1 (+12.2)    |
| Bargains           | 21,038            |
| Downtstream USM    | 103.54 (+1.04)    |
| New York           |                   |
| Dow Jones          | 1,315.75 (+3.25)  |
| Tokyo              |                   |
| Nikkei Dow         | 12,634.05 (-6.0)  |
| Hong Kong          |                   |
| Hang Seng          | 1,692.74 (-18.77) |
| Amsterdam          | 216.1 (+1.5)      |
| Sydney AO          | 956.9 (+1.7)      |
| Frankfurt          |                   |
| Commerzbank        | 1,413.9 (+9.8)    |
| Brussels           |                   |
| General            | 331.88 (+13.68)   |
| Paris: CAC         | 215.8 (-0.1)      |
| Zurich             |                   |
| SKA General        | 396.70 (+4.60)    |

### GOLD

|                |                                    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| London fixing: | am \$336.50pm \$334.15             |
| close          | \$334.50-\$336.00 (£240.25-240.75) |
| New York:      |                                    |
| Comex (Latest) | \$335.05                           |

### MAIN PRICE CHANGES

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| RISER:              |           |
| Monument Oil & Gas  | 68p +4p   |
| Intervis. Video     | 7p +1.50p |
| Logica              | 180p +29p |
| Northern            | 170p +25p |
| LDN & Co. rights    | 2p +0.25p |
| Canning (W.)        | 93p +8p   |
| Asd. Brit. Engg.    | 5p +0.50p |
| Real Time Cml.      | 53p +5p   |
| Berkeley & Hay Hill | 9p +0.75p |
| Promitree           | 36p +3p   |
| Sharpe (Charles)    | 545p +45p |
| Kwik-Fit Hds.       | 53p +4p   |
| Henderson Admin.    | 800p +80p |
| Promotions House    | 27p +2p   |
| BSR Intl.           | 68p +5p   |
| Belam Group         | 183p +13p |
| Johnson Matthey     | 121p +11p |
| Walker & Homer      | 15p +1p   |
| Hopkinsons Hds.     | 154p +10p |
| Blundell Permo.     | 112p +7p  |
| Emess Lighting      | 240p +15p |
| Office & Elin.      | 248p +15p |
| FALLS:              |           |
| Tele. TV            | 7p -1p    |
| Sciencetec          | 7p -1p    |
| CPI Computers       | 48p -4p   |
| McAlpine (Aired)    | 248p -18p |
| Hickson Intl.       | 358p -27p |

### CURRENCIES

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| London:                           |  |
| £: \$1.3887 (-0.0090)             |  |
| £: DM 3.8597 (-0.0089)            |  |
| £: Sfrfr 3.1686 (-0.0030)         |  |
| £: FF 11.7898 (-0.0030)           |  |
| £: Yen 366 (-1.87)                |  |
| £: Index: 818 (-0.3)              |  |
| New York:                         |  |
| £: \$1.3900                       |  |
| £: DM 2.7787                      |  |
| £: Index: 136.7 (+0.7)            |  |
| ECU £0.575877                     |  |
| SDR £0.741870                     |  |
| INTEREST RATES                    |  |
| London:                           |  |
| Bank Base: 11 1/2%                |  |
| 3-month Interbank 11 1/2%-11 3/4% |  |
| 3-month eligible bills:           |  |
| buying rate 11 1/2%-10 3/4%       |  |
| US:                               |  |
| Prime Rate 9.50%                  |  |
| Federal Funds 9 1/2%              |  |
| 3-month Treasury Bills 7 14-7.12% |  |
| Long bond 100% 100 1/2%           |  |

## Brixton to raise £15m

By Judith Huntley

Brixton Estates, the property development and investment company, is placing a £15 million debenture issue through J. Henry Schroder Wagg, the merchant bank, to repay nearly all of its short-term variable debt by the end of the year.

This latest issue means that Brixton has raised £45 million in debentures in the past two years, preferring long-term fixed interest money to finance its British activities.

The brokers to the issue, which will have a gross redemption yield of 0.65 per cent above the gross redemption yield on 1 1/2 per cent Treasury Stock 2004/08, are Grenfell and Colegrave, and Rowe & Pitman.

## IN BRIEF

### Guinness lifts stake

Guinness, the brewing group, paid £1.5 million yesterday for another 500,000 shares in Arthur Bell and Sons, the whisky company which is opposing its £360 million takeover bid. This takes the stout brewer's stake in Bell to 13.35 per cent.

The offer is due to close on Friday. Mr Raymond Miguel, Bell's chairman, has sent his shareholders a "final reminder" to reject Guinness.

### Booker pays £10m for firm

Booker McConnell, the ash and carry, agribusiness and health products group, is expanding its seed interests with the acquisition of Charles Sharpe & Co in an agreed takeover bid worth £10.3 million or 570p a share in cash.

Booker said that the combination of Sharpe with Hurst, its agricultural and horticultural seed business, would make it a leading force in the international seed industry capable of competing effectively with US and Continental-controlled seed companies. In the year to the end of June, Sharpe made pre-tax profits of about £1 million on sales of £19.6 million. Net tangible assets amounted to £7.8 million.

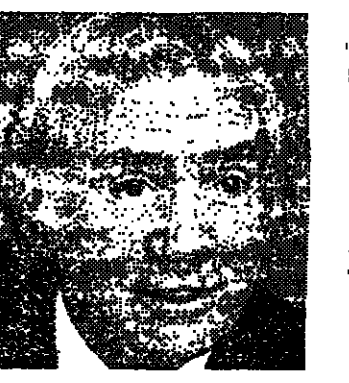
A Japanese court yesterday froze the assets of the troubled Sanko Steamship Company, one of the world's largest shipping lines and suspended creditor claims against it.

### De Beers rise

De Beers Consolidated Mines, the diamond producer, lifted profits from Rand 419 million (£18 million) to R530 million before tax in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend is up from 12.5 cents to 15 cents. *Tempus, page 19*

### McAlpine slips

Alfred McAlpine, (formerly Marchwick) saw profits fall from £7.37 million to £6.70 million before tax in the six months to April 30. Turnover was up from £145 million to £155 million and the interim dividend is up from 3.5p to 3.8p. *Tempus, page 19*



Sir Ernest Harrison, above, chairman and chief executive of Rascal, said at the company's annual meeting yesterday that this should be another record year for profits, providing the American economy stands up. The world market, however, will be tough for the next two years, he said.

### £1bn help

The Bank of England has announced that it is rolling over £1 billion of temporary assistance to the money markets from August 27 to September 30. The Bank offers to renew temporary facilities to the banking system of up to 1 per cent of eligible liabilities. *Marketing embarrassment, page 22*

## Brixton Estate plc

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## Uruguay in IMF talks

Montevideo, (Reuters) - The Uruguayan economy minister, Señor Ricardo Zerbino, has left for talks in the United States with International Monetary Fund officials and his country's \$4.6 billion (£3.33 billion) foreign debt.

Señor Zerbino told reporters he had received a favourable report on the state of negotiations from the central bank president Señor Richard Pascale.

## SA banks cut rate

Johannesburg (AP-Dow Jones) - Barclays National Bank, South Africa's biggest commercial bank, said yesterday that it will cut its prime lending rate to 19.5 per cent from 21 per cent, with effect from September 2.

Barclays followed three other big South African banks, which earlier yesterday announced prime rate cuts to 19.5 per cent, to come into effect in early September.

The reductions in prime rates came shortly after the South African Reserve Bank yesterday lowered its base lending rates to the banking sector by 1.75 percentage points, a move that represented a significant easing in monetary policy.

Barclays also said it will drop its rates on home loans to a top rate of 21.25 per cent from 23.5 per cent.



WALL STREET

COMMODITIES

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Dow up in early trade

New York, (Reuter) - The stock market pushed higher in early trading yesterday aiming for its first solid gain in more than a week.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 3.58 points to 1,316. Advances led declines by a three-to-two margin on turnover of 12.45 million shares.

IBM was up 1/4 to 126 1/2. Digital Equipment up 1 1/2 to 101 and Data General up 1/2 to 36 1/2.

Among the blue chips, General Electric was up 1/2 to 60 1/2, and Minnesota Mining up 1/2 to 77 1/2.

AT&T led the actives, up 1/2 to 21. Middle South Utilities was second, up 1/2 to 9 1/2.

Computer Consoles Inc. expects to be in the black in 1986, according to its chairman, Mr. John F. Cunningham.

Mr. Cunningham, who joined the company after serving 18 years with Wang Laboratories Inc. told securities analysts that he did not expect 1986 to be very profitable but hoped it would not show red. He said the estimate assumes conditions in the computer industry remain static.

Computer Consoles reported a loss of \$4.6 million on sales of \$35.1 million for its second quarter to June 30 compared with a profit of \$2.87 million and sales of \$36.1 million during the same period last year.

Non-Communist daily average primary aluminium production in July fell to 32,600 tonnes, down by 200 tonnes from June and compared with 34,700 tonnes in July, 1981, provisionally figures from the International Primary Aluminium Institute showed yesterday.

Aluminium was unaffected by the news in pre-market dealings.

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CANADIAN PRICES

| Commodity    | Unit   | Price  |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| Aluminum     | lb     | 1.027  |
| Copper       | lb     | 1.024  |
| Gold         | oz     | 315.00 |
| Silver       | oz     | 16.50  |
| Wheat        | bu     | 2.15   |
| Barley       | bu     | 1.15   |
| Oats         | bu     | 1.05   |
| Rye          | bu     | 1.25   |
| Corn         | bu     | 1.85   |
| Soybeans     | bu     | 10.50  |
| Canola       | bu     | 18.50  |
| Flax         | bu     | 12.50  |
| Truckee      | bu     | 1.50   |
| Timber       | cu ft  | 1.20   |
| Coal         | ton    | 15.00  |
| Oil          | barrel | 25.00  |
| Natural Gas  | cu ft  | 1.00   |
| Electricity  | kwh    | 0.10   |
| Water        | cu ft  | 0.05   |
| Gasoline     | gal    | 1.20   |
| Diesel       | gal    | 1.50   |
| Jet Fuel     | gal    | 1.80   |
| Aviation     | gal    | 2.00   |
| Marine       | gal    | 2.20   |
| Industrial   | gal    | 2.50   |
| Home Heating | gal    | 2.80   |
| Automotive   | gal    | 3.00   |
| Commercial   | gal    | 3.20   |
| Marine       | gal    | 3.50   |
| Industrial   | gal    | 3.80   |
| Home Heating | gal    | 4.00   |
| Automotive   | gal    | 4.20   |
| Commercial   | gal    | 4.50   |

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

| Market         | Rate   |
|----------------|--------|
| 3-month T-bill | 11.50% |
| 6-month T-bill | 11.75% |
| 1-year T-bill  | 12.00% |
| 2-year T-bill  | 12.25% |
| 3-year T-bill  | 12.50% |
| 5-year T-bill  | 12.75% |
| 10-year T-bill | 13.00% |
| 30-year T-bill | 13.25% |
| 1-year Note    | 13.50% |
| 2-year Note    | 13.75% |
| 3-year Note    | 14.00% |
| 5-year Note    | 14.25% |
| 10-year Note   | 14.50% |
| 30-year Note   | 14.75% |
| 1-year Bond    | 15.00% |
| 2-year Bond    | 15.25% |
| 3-year Bond    | 15.50% |
| 5-year Bond    | 15.75% |
| 10-year Bond   | 16.00% |
| 30-year Bond   | 16.25% |

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

| Period    | Rate   |
|-----------|--------|
| Spot      | 1.9850 |
| 1 month   | 1.9875 |
| 3 months  | 1.9900 |
| 6 months  | 1.9925 |
| 9 months  | 1.9950 |
| 12 months | 1.9975 |

OTHER STERLING RATES

| Country     | Rate     |
|-------------|----------|
| Canada      | 0.7500   |
| France      | 6.5500   |
| Germany     | 3.3600   |
| Italy       | 1.3600   |
| Japan       | 160.0000 |
| Netherlands | 2.2000   |
| Sweden      | 4.6600   |
| Switzerland | 1.7300   |
| UK          | 1.0000   |
| US          | 0.7500   |

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

| Country     | Rate     |
|-------------|----------|
| Canada      | 0.7500   |
| France      | 6.5500   |
| Germany     | 3.3600   |
| Italy       | 1.3600   |
| Japan       | 160.0000 |
| Netherlands | 2.2000   |
| Sweden      | 4.6600   |
| Switzerland | 1.7300   |
| UK          | 1.0000   |
| US          | 0.7500   |

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

| Trust        | Assets |
|--------------|--------|
| First Trust  | \$1.2B |
| Second Trust | \$0.8B |
| Third Trust  | \$0.5B |
| Fourth Trust | \$0.3B |
| Fifth Trust  | \$0.1B |

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

| Trust        | Assets |
|--------------|--------|
| First Trust  | \$1.2B |
| Second Trust | \$0.8B |
| Third Trust  | \$0.5B |
| Fourth Trust | \$0.3B |
| Fifth Trust  | \$0.1B |

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

| Trust        | Assets | Value  | Change |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
| First Trust  | \$1.2B | 100.00 | +0.50  |
| Second Trust | \$0.8B | 80.00  | +0.20  |
| Third Trust  | \$0.5B | 50.00  | +0.10  |
| Fourth Trust | \$0.3B | 30.00  | +0.05  |
| Fifth Trust  | \$0.1B | 10.00  | +0.02  |

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

# Bid talk spurs equities to highest for two months

By Derek Pain and Cliff Feltham

Equities enjoyed their best trading session for nine weeks yesterday. In fairly active trading prices moved ahead over a wide front and at the close the F30-share index was standing at 982.2 points, a gain of 10.1 points on the day.

The market was helped along by a sudden extension of the holiday season takeover gossip which gave some of the old speculative favourites another lease of life.

The latest US pointers, showing the American economy to be in better shape than some had suspected, eroded hopes for an interest rate cut.

Even so, the market remains convinced that base rate cuts should occur next week.

With the US figures taking some of the pressure off the dollar, some of the City's favourite exporters pushed ahead. But government stocks sagged a little as interest hopes receded. They suffered falls of up to 1 1/2%.

Quilter Goodison & Co, the brokers, recommends a sale of Stock Conversion shares which yesterday rose 5p to 545p.

Despite the possible bid signalled by Stockley's 26.5 per cent holding, quilters say the shares look expensive and existing shareholders "should take their not inconsiderable profits and switch elsewhere within the property sector".

One blue chip to attract takeover speculation was Metal Box. American interest sent the price 10p higher to 493p.

Ti Group eased 5p to 383p as the intentions of Evered Holdings and supporters continued to create uncertainty.

Vickers, on renewed compensation hopes, rose 10p to 283p. The new financial package for Johnson Matthey pushed the shares 11p higher to 121p.

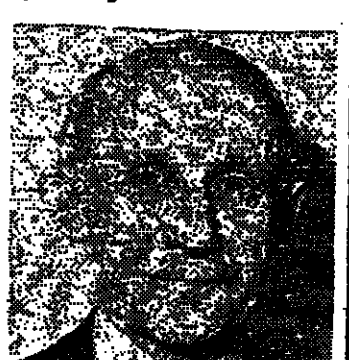
Office and Electronic Machines jumped 15p to 248p as ambitious Mr Greg Hutchings, who has revamped F. H. Tomkins, the engineering group, declared an 8.2 per cent shareholding. F. H. Tomkins is not short of cash and could mount a bid for control of OEM.

Logica, the computer group, scored one of the day's biggest percentage advances as it surged 64p to 215p on hopes that the American Lockheed Corporation group was about to bid.

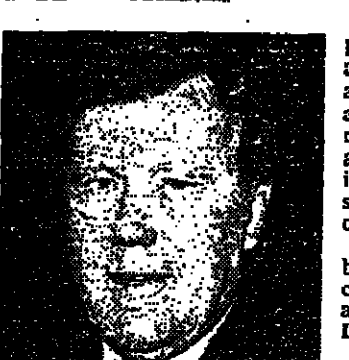
The group came to the stock market at 220p in October 1983. Since then its shares have been up to almost 450p but have recently been caught up in the high technology drop out and at one time hit 100p. Other US predators have been plugged into Logica recently.

The Logica progress was, however, reduced when the company said it was not involved in bid talks. The shares closed at 180p.

USM-traded Northamber, which supplies computer printers, was also caught up in the



Sir Austin Pearce: British Aerospace chairman



Sir Derrick Holden-Brown: Allied-Lyons chairman

Logica euphoria - jumping 31p to 176p before settling at 170p.

Drink shares enjoyed another cheerful session, helped along by takeover thoughts and beer price increases.

Arthur Bell and Sons, on the departure of the alleged white knight, Rothmans International, gained 5p to 265p as the feeling grew that the Guinness bid would succeed.

There were indications that Guinness may have picked up a few more Bell shares.

Distillers Co, still the leader of the Scotch whisky industry, advanced 5p to 298 on speculative support.

The brief flirtation between Rothmans International and the besieged Arthur Bell has focused the attention of the market on prospects for the South African controlled cigarette group.

The shares, which touched a low of 116p - their year's high was 200p - went 5p better yesterday at 125p on suggestions that the brief talks with Bell signalled a determination by Rothmans to try to diversify into non-tobacco areas.

Mr Brian McDougall at Grievens Grant and Co, the broker, thought a deal with Arthur Bell would have made sense had Rothmans been able to afford it. "They do need to find another non-tobacco business but their hands are well tied at the moment," he said.

Rothmans recently disappointed with pretax profits of £121.9 million for the year ending March, £30 million lower than the previous year and more than £50 million below market expectations.

Heavy rationalization costs are said to come and the depressed worldwide demand for tobacco coupled with problems at its Canadian brewing offshoot Carling O'Keefe has caused analysts to downgrade forecasts for this year.

Grievens Grant had cut its forecast from £140 million to £125 million. For 1986 the broker now forecasts an outcome of £130.6 million compared with an earlier prediction of £150 million. Another broker Phillips and Drew has also cut its forecast for this year from £140 million to £132 million.

Brokers say that BAT Industries looks a better buy at the moment. Intriguingly, there

is talk that the American tobacco group Philip Morris, which owns 30 per cent of Rothmans, had been considering placing its holding. Present problems could set it thinking along the same lines again.

Allied-Lyons, headed by Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, gained 3p to 234p as Elders, the Australian conglomerate, continued to test the market. It is expected that Elders, which has expressed an intention of acquiring a 10 per cent interest in Allied, will shortly announce it has reached 5 per cent.

Elsewhere, British Aerospace, where Sir Austin Pearce is chairman, gained 10p to 373p, still enjoying support from its £200 million-plus Oman deal.

Banks were given a helping hand by the half time figures from Standard Chartered. Insurance shares were also firm.

The gloomy half year summary this week from chemicals group Hickson International, reflecting the increasing pressure on margins, led to a further retreat from the shares, which fell 27p to 335p.

The broking firm of Zoete and Bevan has been steadily

The former supermarket chief, Mr Lew Carter, has been dabbling in the market again, this time lifting his holding in the sports equipment group, M.Y. Dart, from 1.4 million shares to just under two million - a 9.6 per cent stake. The shares responded with a 2p rise to 294p. Mr Carter said he had no plans to use the holding for a bid or to raise his investment at the present price. "I've got a few things on the go but I don't go around waving flags. You'll have to wait and see."

downgrading its forecast for this year and now expects no more than £16 million having looked to £17.3 million at one stage. Last year Hickson made £15 million.

Elsewhere the sector was in fine shape with a particularly strong performance from W. Canning, jumping 8p to 93p. This was viewed as a sharp jump for a stock which usually only moves a couple of pence either way.

The company had hit a peak of 122p when it emerged that Brent Chemicals had picked up a stake, which is subsequently

placed. Brent Chemicals was also in the news yesterday, announcing the £2.9 million acquisition of Winnetts, a manufacturer of printing inks and plates for the packaging industry. Brent Chemicals' shares were unchanged at 122p on the announcement.

Elsewhere, BOC was 6p better at 284p, Allied Colloids a couple of pence ahead at 143p, and Laporte gained 8p at 323p. ICI was 6p firmer at 657p.

Newspaper shares continued to respond to take over suggestions. Fleet Holdings, on talk that United Newspapers will be given the all-clear to bid, gained 4p to 328p.

Oils were firm. Saxon Oil gained 50p to 540p on the Enterprise Oil bid terms. Lamsco rose 13p to 278p and Ultramar gained 10p to 213p.

Awaiting bid news Baltic rose 15p to 260p and Henderson Administration jumped 60p to 800p as demand developed in an exceedingly tight market.

Favourable comment lifted Rio Tinto Zinc 20p to 579p.

The London traded option market attracted 7,711 deals yesterday, most of them calls. British Telecom was the most traded company option, achieving 1,212 contracts. Just over 1,000 of the bargains were calls. Rascal Electronics achieved 839 bargains.

TEMPUS

## Politics headache for De Beers

The refusal of the De Beers diamond stockpile to show the slightest inclination to shrink would seem to prove Ian Fleming's assertion that the precious stones are for ever.

While the company claims that a large proportion of the stockpile is effectively work in progress, it can hardly be happy about the soaring financing costs it has to incur. Borrowings rose during the half year, and that, combined with higher interest rates, led to a near 70 per cent increase in the interest bill.

The higher interest charge was one of the reasons why De Beers' interim pretax profits of 530 million rand (£158 million), up from R419 million, failed to live up to analysts' expectations. With the rand down in value against the dollar by nearly 50 per cent over the last 12 months there was always going to be a substantial translation benefit in these figures. This duly came through, but it was not supported by an underlying improvement in trading.

Again the real disappointment was on the diamond account, which failed to match the sales of what was a very good first half in 1984. If anything the sales trend is up but the graph is not sufficiently steep to encourage much enthusiasm at this stage.

Given the tight grip which De Beers maintains on the world diamond market, it is hard to see the company doing

anything other than weathering the storm. With Zaire now safely back in the Central Selling Organization fold, the company is as self-assured as ever.

The main worry which overhangs the company's share price is, of course, related not to diamonds but to the troubled political situation in South Africa. The price will reflect the extent of those uncertainties. The options are therefore, either to hold on to the investment or, as with other South African companies, to use it as a trading stock, taking advantage of opportunities as they arise.

### Alfred McAlpine

Like children, few diversifications are good all of the time. For Alfred McAlpine, (formerly Marchwiel), the new activities of mineral production and property development, having been beneficial to profits in recent years, are now proving a drag on progress.

Ironically, the original construction business is holding its own.

In the six months to April profits fell from £7.4 million to a disappointing £6.7 million before tax. As a result the shares fell yesterday by 18p to 248p.

The minerals division has been hit twice. The South African mining associate failed to increase profits in sterling terms in the first half and could

report a decline in the second half, because of a sharp fall in the rand. At home, the bad winter weather will have reduced quarrying profits by £2 million or so over the year.

Meanwhile the property side which contributed £2.2 million in disposal profits last year, is finding sales hard to come by.

The company says that it may not be able to replace the property disposal profits with growth from elsewhere, although the underlying trend should be slightly upwards.

The growth area is housebuilding, although margins are being squeezed even here.

Housebuilding could take profits to £21 million or so this year, suggesting a p/e of 7. The yield is 6.5 per cent. That may look cheap but other construction companies which have diversified more effectively offer better value.

### Standard Chartered

Standard Chartered is hardly one of the stock market's favourite bank shares, but yesterday it won a rare accolade as a 42 per cent rise in half-year pretax profits £133.8 million sent the shares up 23p to 472p.

The comparative figures have been adjusted to allow for the reduction in the group's stake in Standard Bank Investment Corp. of South Africa, which is now treated as an associate.

Stanbic performed well in

the first half, in contrast to the experience of Barclays Bank's South African arm. Its profits were up by 25 per cent in local currency but its contribution was down from £25.6 million to £18.8 million after allowing for the fall in the rand.

In stock market terms, the declining significance of South Africa to the group can only be a plus and the market was also impressed by the strong performance in the United Kingdom and North America.

British profits rose from £27.1 million to £78.6 million, boosted by a host of special factors, but the underlying performance was nevertheless impressive.

Standard Chartered is unlikely to keep up quite such a sterling pace in the second half, but there are signs that it is at last beginning to harness its potential. The stockbroker W Greenwell is predicting full-year profits of £286 million which would compare with an adjusted £239 million.

The increase in the interim dividend from 9.5p net to 10.5p suggests a prospective yield, at 47.2p, of 9.5p per cent.

The fact that Standard Chartered is accorded and even less glamorous stock market rating than the Midland Bank indicates that it still has its work cut out to convince the City it is going places.

The low rating also leaves it vulnerable to predators and vague rumours persist on this front.

## Standard Chartered PLC

### Interim Statement

The Standard Chartered Group profit before taxation for the half year to 30th June 1985 is £134 million, after taking into account the reduction in May of the Group's interest in Standard Bank Investment Corporation Limited ("Stanbic") of South Africa, which is now accounted for as an associated company.

|  | Six months ended 30th June 1985 | Six months ended 30th June 1984 (restated)* | Twelve months ended 31st December 1984 (restated)* |
|--|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Profit before taxation:                      |                                 |   |  |
| - Group excluding Stanbic                    | 115.0                           | 68.6  | 185.3  |
| - Stanbic                                    | 18.8                            | 25.6  | 54.3   |
|  | 133.8                           | 94.2  | 239.6  |
| Profit after taxation and minority interests | 60.2                            | 43.7  | 100.1  |
| Earnings per share                           | 38.7p                           | 28.1p                                       | 64.4p  |
| Dividends per share                          | 10.5p                           | 9.5p  | 28.5p  |

In announcing the interim results, the Chairman, Lord Barber, said: "The profit before taxation of the Group for the half year to 30th June 1985 increased by 42% compared with the corresponding period in 1984.

These improved results were contributed in the main by three regions: by the U.K. businesses whose performance was outstanding, and by North America and Tropical Africa. Against this, results in Europe, Singapore and Malaysia were disappointing. The results from the rest of the East were in aggregate similar to last year, but with pleasing progress in India and Pakistan. However, Hong Kong did well to maintain profits in the face of the sharp decline in interest rates that has occurred.

In South Africa, Stanbic reported a 25% increase in pre-tax profits, but the weakening of the South African rand has actually produced a reduced contribution

in sterling terms and South Africa now accounts for 14% of Group pre-tax profits.

In view of the 18% fall in the value of the rand against sterling in July, the 31st July 1985 rate of R 3.12=£1 has been used to translate the results of, and investment in, Stanbic.

There has been a marked improvement in loan experience in the U.K. and in Tropical Africa, but Singapore, Europe and the Middle East have all had special problems. The aggregate charge for bad and doubtful debts is, however, 24% lower at £46 million, but more than half of the general provision comprises further provision for sovereign risk exposure.

The effect of exchange rate movements on the pre-tax profits of overseas operations has reduced the reported increase in first half profits to approximately £15 million, compared to the first half of 1984, of which £10.6 million relates to the South African rand.

Earnings per share of 38.7 pence are 38% higher than the comparable period of 1984 reflecting the higher level of pre-tax profits whilst the effective tax rate remains broadly unchanged.

In view of the improved results an interim dividend of 10.5 pence per share (1984 - 9.5 pence) has been declared for payment on 4th October 1985, to shareholders registered on 12th September 1985.

Total assets employed have decreased by £1.6 billion from £28.4 billion to £26.8 billion, due principally to the effect of currency movements; underlying volume growth was some £0.9 billion (3%).

Since the year end, the Group has significantly strengthened its balance sheet by the issue of US\$400 million and £150 million of undated primary capital notes. After taking into account these issues and the recently announced conversion of US\$300 million undated loan capital into primary capital notes, the ratio of primary capital to total assets now stands at 8.1% as against 5.5% at the year end. The free capital ratio has risen to 7.3% from 5.8%.

### Group Results

|                                       | Six months ended 30th June 1985 (unaudited) | Six months ended 30th June 1984 (restated)* | Twelve months ended 31st December 1984 (restated)* |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Operating profit                      | £m 142.4                                    | £m 86.0                                     | £m 230.8   |
| Share of profits of:                  |   |   |  |
| Stanbic                               | 18.8  | 25.6  | 54.3   |
| Associated companies                  | 17.5  | 12.2  | 27.8   |
|                                       | 178.7                                       | 123.8                                       | 312.9  |
| Interest on subordinated loan capital | 44.9  | 29.6  | 73.3   |
| Profit before taxation                | 133.8                                       | 94.2  | 239.6  |
| Taxation (Note 4)                     | 68.4  | 48.4  | 130.8  |
| Profit after taxation                 | 65.4  | 45.8  | 108.8  |
| Minority interests                    | 5.2   | 2.1   | 8.7  |
| Profit before extraordinary items     | 60.2  | 43.7  | 100.1  |
| Extraordinary items                   | —   | (13.6)                                      | (26.7)   |
| Profit attributable                   | 60.2  | 30.1  | 73.4   |
| Dividends                             | 16.3  | 14.8  | 44.3   |
| Profit retained                       | 43.9  | 15.3  | 29.1   |
| Earnings per share                    | 38.7p                                       | 28.1p                                       | 64.4p  |
| Dividends per share                   | 10.5p                                       | 9.5p  | 28.5p  |
|                                       | (Interim)                                   | (Interim)                                   | (Final)  |

\* For basis of restatement see note 1

### Notes

1. On 3rd May 1985 the shareholders of Stanbic approved a 1 for 5 rights issue and, as indicated at the time of the announcement of the issue, the Group did not take up its entitlement. As a result the Group's shareholding has reduced from 33% to 43%. Following this change, the Group's share of the profits of Stanbic has been shown separately and comprises four months at 53% and two months at 43%. The 1984 results have been restated to show Stanbic as if it was an associate on a comparable basis at 53%.

|          | Six months ended 30th June 1985 | Six months ended 30th June 1984 (restated) | Twelve months ended 31st December 1984 (restated) |
|----------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Specific | £m 33.6                         | £m 44.4                                    | £m 88.0   |
| General  | 12.0                            | 15.9                                       | 48.8  |
|          | 45.6                            | 60.3                                       | 136.8   |

|                            | Six months ended 30th June 1985 | Six months ended 30th June 1984 (restated) | Twelve months ended 31st December 1984 (restated) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| United Kingdom             | £m 78.6                         | £m 27.2                                    | £m 76.9   |
| Europe                     | (11.8)                          | 0.8  | (15.9)  |
| North America              | 33.4                            | 15.3                                       | 57.7  |
| Middle East and South Asia | (11.0)                          | (0.7)                                      | 0.8   |
| Asia Pacific               | 23.0                            | 40.8                                       | 90.4  |
| Tropical Africa            | 27.7                            | 14.8                                       | 38.7  |
| South Africa               | 18.8                            | 25.6                                       | 54.3  |
| Interest on loan capital   | (44.9)                          | (29.6)                                     | (73.3)  |
|                            | 133.8                           | 94.2                                       | 239.6   |

4. The charge for taxation, which reflects the estimated effective rate for the year, is based on a U.K. corporation tax rate of 41.25% as provided in the Finance Act 1984, and comprises:

|                            | Six months ended 30th June 1985 | Six months ended 30th June 1984 (restated) | Twelve months ended 31st December 1984 (restated) |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Company and subsidiaries   | £m 51.6                         | £m 34.1                                    | £m 98.8   |
| Stanbic                    | 8.4                             | 8.9  | 20.6  |
| Other associated companies | 8.4                             | 5.4  | 11.4  |
|                            | 68.4                            | 48.4                                       | 130.8   |

5. The financial information included herein for the twelve months ended 31st December 1984 is based on the full Accounts for 1984 which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies, and on which the Auditors gave an unqualified report.

### COMPANY NEWS

● **EASTBOURNE WATERWORKS:** The company is making an offer for sale by tender of £2.75 million, 8% per cent, redeemable preference stock, 1985. The conversion gross yield on this stock at the minimum tender price of £100 is 11.96 per cent and the fully grossed-up franked investment income yield of £12.94 per cent compared with £11.38 per cent on Treasury, 12% per cent, 1985.

● **TRANS NATAL COAL CORPORATION:** Year to June 30. Figures in Rand 000. Group income, before tax, 141,245 - £46 million - (84,061).

● **REED INTERNATIONAL:** The company has acquired, through Reed Holdings, Deer-O Paints and Chemicals of Phoenix, Arizona, for about \$2.6 million (£1.86 million) in cash. Deer-O earned \$500,000 before tax on turnover of \$8.2 million in its last financial year.

● **A. AND J. GELFER:** Final 3.3p, making 5.2p (4.9p) for the year to March 31. Figures in £000. Turnover, 6,195 (6,060). Pretax profit, 1,148 (1,097).

● **RENAISSANCE ENERGY:** Renaissance Energy, the Toronto-listed oil and gas producer and explorer, increased gross revenues from Can \$6 million to Can \$13.5 million (£7 million) in the half-year to June 30.

● **BRENT CHEMICALS:** The company has acquired Winnetts, makers of printing inks and flexographic plates for £2.9 million.

● **GASKELL BROADBAND:** Six months to June 30. In a further attempt to reduce disparity, the directors have decided to pay

increased interim of 2p (1.5p). Figures in £000. Turnover, 8,308 (7,218). Pre-tax profit, 587 (465).

● **RENTOKIL GROUP:** Half-year to June 30. Interim dividend, 8.9 pence (7.75 pence). Figures in £000. Sales, 71,252 (70,672). Pretax profit, 12,036 (11,260). The board expects profits for 1985 will be comfortably ahead of those for last year, bearing no big rise in sterling beyond June levels.

● **SUPRA GROUP:** Interim dividend was 0.8p (same). Figs in £000. Turnover 7,274 (6,201) for half-year to March 31. Operating profit, 489 (357).

● **IMPALA PLATINUM HOLDINGS:** Year to June 30. Figures in Rand 000. Consolidated profit, 234,217 - £76 million - (268,698). Total dividend held at 135 cents per share.

● **SIEBE:** The recent rights issue brought acceptances for 17,680,510 new ordinary shares (94.4% per cent).

● **NINETEEN TWENTY-EIGHT INVESTMENT TRUST:** Half-year to June 30, compared with half-year to Sept 30, 1984. Figures in £000.

Revenue (gross) 1,395 (2,116). Pretax profit 1,103 (1,900). Interim dividend 1.5p (2p).

● **AMSTRAD:** Amstrad, the hi-fi to home computer group, has launched its latest computer model, the PCW8256, which incorporates word processing and general computing. It goes on sale next month priced at £399, plus VAT.

● **METAL - BUILDERS:** Six months to June 30. Interim 1.5p (1.25p adjusted). Figures in £000. Turnover, 2,799.8 (2,794.6). Pretax profit, 312 (499.2). The company expects to have a buoyant second half and that profit available for distribution for the full year will be similar to 1984.

● **OLIVES PAPER MILL:** Disappointing results preclude payment of an interim dividend (nil). Pretax loss £15,549 (£88,311) for half-year to June 30. No tax (credit, £78,477). Turnover £4,532,816 (£3,987,462). Loss per share, 0.48p (0.31p).

● **FLEMING MERCANTILE INVESTMENT TRUST:** Half-year to July 31. (Figures in £000). Interim, 1.25p (0.72p). Total income 5,843 (4,678), being franked investment income 3,123 (2,598) and other income 2,720 (2,080). Net revenue 3,134 (2,212). Earnings per share 2.12p (1.48p).

● **EVODE GROUP:** The company has found a joint venture partnership with Dexter Corp. of the US to manufacture and market powder products. The venture to be based in Birmingham, Alabama, will be owned 75 per cent by Dexter and 25 per cent by Evode.

### APPOINTMENTS

Wade Potteries: Mr Alan Elsmore has been appointed to the board. Mr Charles Ellerton, a main board member, has been made managing director of George Wade & Son, the largest subsidiary company.

Reed Publishing: Mr Robert Krakoff, chief operating officer of Canners Publishing Company, and Mr Graham McVey, chief executive of Business Press International, will become directors from October 1.

Bestwood: Mr H. A. Brownsey has joined the board and becomes deputy chairman of Kingsnorth Trust, a subsidiary. Mr R. J. Browning and Mr R. Dear become directors of Kingsnorth.



## STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

## Active trading

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| 36  | Imperial           |                    |
| 37  | Kwik-Fit           |                    |
| 38  | General Motor      |                    |
| 39  | Dacia (Dacia)      |                    |
| 40  | Dacia              |                    |

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**1985 High Low Stock**

| Company | High | Low | Price | Change | Div | Yld | P/E |
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**BRITISH FUNDS**

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| Company | Price | Change | Div | Yld | P/E |
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**FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS**

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**OVER FIFTEEN YEARS**

| Company | Price | Change | Div | Yld | P/E |
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| Company | Price | Change | Div | Yld | P/E |
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**PROSPECTIVE REAL ESTATE YIELD ON PROTECTED LISTING**

| Company | Price | Change | Div | Yld | P/E |
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**1985 High Low Company**

| Company | High | Low | Price | Change | Div | Yld | P/E |
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**BREWERIES**

| Company | Price | Change | Div | Yld | P/E |
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**BANKS DISCOUNT HP**

| Company | Price | Change | Div | Yld | P/E |
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**ELECTRICALS**

| Company | Price | Change | Div | Yld | P/E |
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**CINEMAS AND TV**

| Company | Price | Change | Div | Yld | P/E |
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**DRAPEY AND STORES**

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- \* BELL'S had 4.3 per cent by volume of total Scotch Whisky industry exports to the ten largest export markets (excluding the U.S.A.) during calendar 1984. In calendar 1982, our share was only 3.5 per cent. There is substantial scope for profitable growth abroad as BELL'S moves towards the 20 per cent market share which BELL'S has already achieved in the U.K.
- \* BELL'S is moving ahead in the U.S.A. - the acquisition of Wellington Importers, the hiring of key personnel and the promotional expenditure have all been necessary steps towards future success.
- \* The newly reopened Piccadilly Hotel can again contribute to profits. BELL'S is determined to maximise profitability and capital appreciation from its hotels business.
- \* BELL'S has a record of strong cash flow. Future cash flow will be available to invest in new sources of profits.

- \* BELL'S ordinary shares have an above-average dividend yield. At the Guinness paper offer value of 270p, BELL'S shares have a dividend yield of 4.23 per cent based on the dividend forecast of 8p (net) per ordinary share for 1984/85. That is a higher yield than shown by the FT-Actuaries Industrial Group (which is 4.03 per cent) and is higher than the yield on Guinness ordinary stock units, which is 3.80 per cent.
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- \* The BELL'S team of Board and management remains dedicated to the successful growth of the BELL'S business.

(a) The source of the figures for total Scotch Whisky industry exports to the ten largest export markets excluding the U.S.A. was the Scotch Whisky Association.  
(b) The statement of BELL'S strong cash flow is based on the net cash inflow from the on-going businesses of BELL'S, before acquisitions of fixed assets and investments and excluding proceeds from disposals, over the three years ended 30th June, 1984, of £58.1 million.  
(c) The value of Guinness' paper offer of 270p per BELL'S share was based on the middle market closing price of Guinness ordinary stock units of 271p as shown in The Stock Exchange Daily Official List dated 16th August, 1985 (being the latest practicable date before publication of this

advertisement) and by valuing the proposed 81 per cent convertible loan stock of Guinness at par.  
(d) The source of the average price earnings multiple of industrial company shares was the FT-Actuaries Industrial Group Index on 16th August, 1985. The earnings per share to which this multiple was applied were the estimated profits after taxation and preference dividends of the Non-Hotels Group set out in the letter dated 5th August, 1985, divided by the existing issued ordinary share capital of BELL'S.  
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ATHLETICS

# Cram head and shoulders above rest in the race of giants

From Pat Butcher

Steve Cram can furnish proof, if any further is necessary, that he is truly his annus mirabilis by beating Joaquim Cruz over the Brazilian's Olympic gold medal distance of 800 metres here tonight. Cram's record-breaking form, recently, but also and ironically, the time that he did in the race where he just failed to break a fourth world record, his 1,000 metres in 2min 12.85 sec, suggests that he can improve on his best two lap time of 1:43.61 set two years ago.

Cruz was invincible last year, when following his Olympic victory, he got within 0.4 sec of second of Sebastian Coe's world 800 metres record of 1:41.73, generally recognised as one of the best performances in athletics, but the Brazilian's form, although reasonable, will have to improve for him to beat Cram, as indicated by Cruz's comparative 1,000 metres time of 2:15.11 set when he won in Bern last Friday.



Cruz can improve

This reintroduces the race of giants in more ways than one. When Alberto Juantorena won the Olympic 800 metres in 1976, setting his first world record, it was thought that the giant Cuban, who also won the 400 metres gold in Montreal was the shape of things to come in two-lap running. But with one of the many delightful contradictions that form the attraction of the sport along came the tiny and elegant Cram to knock almost two seconds off the tall Cuban's best of 1:43.44.

The pendulum has swung back high again. For Cruz, Cram and Sammy Koskei, third-fastest ever with 1:42.48, and Johnny Gray on 1:42.46, who are all competing this evening, easily top six feet. But it is a measure of Cram's potential that even those other two giants will need to be at their optimum form to beat the Englishman.

It is ironic that two of Britain's winners in the European Cup, Tom McKean and Zola Budd, as she admits, has little chance of winning the women's mile. That is the measure of the competition here in this the biggest and most expensive (well over one million Swiss Francs in participation money) meetings on the independent circuit.

Miss Budd is up against no less opposition in the mile than world record holder, Maria Puica, and the other great woman athlete currently, Mary Slaney. The latter is getting better with every race. She broke her own American record for the 800 metres, with 1min 56.9sec in Bern, and she is undoubtedly the son of form to break Mrs Puica's record of 4:17.44. Both the American and the Romanian are

unbeaten this season, and, in what is truly another race of athletics giants, in form if not in stature the outcome may depend on the month's training that Mrs Puica has undergone since her last competition.

Sebastian Coe has decided that his injury is well enough for him to run the 1,500 metres, and in saying yesterday, "The time is immaterial, the important thing is to get back to winning," his chances of doing that have improved since Jose-Luis Gonzalez, who beat Coe in Cram's mile world record run in Oslo, has had to drop out.

It is a measure of the importance of this meeting, and the attraction of those other competitions that the re-emergence of Carl Lewis, the quadruple Olympic gold medal winner should be to low down the story, Lewis, who arrived yesterday morning to tell us that he has been spending as much time in the recording studio recently as on the training track - look out for Carl Lewis and the Electric Storm.

Top of the Pops - maintained that his early season injuries, which have kept him out of competition for two months, have completely healed, and that he is ready to compete right through to the Mobil Grand Prix final in Rome on September 7.

He runs the 100 and 200 metres here tonight, after having had a successful comeback 20.3sec for the 200 metres in a small meeting in Houston 10 days ago. Lewis will then go to Cologne to sprint again, and then will have his only long jump of this latter part of the season, with such high hopes of his beating Bob Beamon's world record, in Brussels on August 30. He will then go on to sprint again in Rieti on September 4.

## Threat to Overt's record

Steve Cram has appealed for help on and off the track to break his fourth world record in 41 days. The 24-year-old, who has been threatened by Overt's two-mile record of 8 min 13.51 sec, which has stood for seven years, if the Bank Holiday pace-making and public support is timed at Crystal Palace on August 26.

Cram attempts to add the record to his 1,500 metres, mile and 2,000 metres marks in the McVitie's challenge match between England, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland, Cuba will be represented in the field events only.

TEAMS: 100 metres: L. Asquith (Birmingham), C. Smith (Thames Valley), 200 m: M. McFarlane (Haringey), D. Reid (Suffolk), 400 m: K. McNaughton (Southampton), T. Bennett (Southampton).

800 m: J. Gonzalez (Belgrade), T. Morris (Suffolk), 1,000 m: G. Coe (Barnet), 1,500 m: S. Coe (Barnet), 2 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 3 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 4 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 5 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 6 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 7 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 8 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 9 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 10 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 11 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 12 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 13 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 14 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 15 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 16 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 17 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 18 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 19 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 20 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 21 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 22 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 23 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 24 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 25 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 26 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 27 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 28 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 29 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 30 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 31 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 32 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 33 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 34 miles: S. Coe (Barnet), 35 miles: S. 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## Today's television and radio programmes

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## BBC 1

- 6.00 Cee-fax AM.  
6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Brough and Nick Ross. News on the hour and half hour. Sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20. Morning newspapers reviewed at 8.37. The new Top 20 at 8.37. Alison Mitchell's money advice on 01-811 1066.  
8.20 Huckleberry Finn and His Friends. The mob closes in on Huck and Jim.  
8.45 Heartbeat. Making pictures with different metals (7).  
10.05 Play School presented by Chloe Ashcroft.  
10.25 Cricket. The NatWest Trophy. The morning's play from one semi-final.  
12.50 News after Noon. 1.07 Regional News. (London and SE). Financial Report and news headlines with sub-titles.  
1.10 Hockey. A See-See programme (7).  
1.25 Cricket. Further coverage of a NatWest semi-final.  
4.20 King Rollo by David McKee (7).  
4.25 Eric-a-Brac. Harry the hatter gets a harness for his horse... (7).  
4.35 Battle of the Planets. A strange force of robot dolls threaten the G-force team (Cee-fax).  
5.00 John Craven's Newsround.  
5.10 Gentle Ben. Outdoor adventure story. Fire in the Glades (Cee-fax).  
5.35 Paddies Up. Second heat of BBC TV's international canoeing championship. Renato di Monti, from Italy; Jimmy Jayes, from Britain; Manuel Brissaud, from France; Donald Johnstone, from New Zealand; Jon Luggill, from the United States; and Richard Fox, from Britain, world kayak champion.  
6.00 The Six O'Clock News followed by weather news.  
6.35 London Plus.  
7.00 Wogan. Guests: Derek Bell, the "fastest man on wheels"; Ruby Murray, the singer whose popularity peaked in the Fifties and Dream Academy.  
7.35 Bellamy's Seaside Safari. The Rock Pools. Seaweed has a very important function - to provide oxygen for the creatures left in rock pools when the tide goes out. Bellamy, in his incomparable style, also explains family planning crab-style.  
8.00 Athletics. The Weltklasse Games from Zurich. Steve Cram will be aiming to break his own 1500 metre record, chased by Sebastian Coe. Quadruple gold medalist Carl Lewis makes his European appearance this season.  
9.00 The Nine O'Clock News.  
9.25 Fell Tiger. Joe Borrow (David Hayman) thinks he is home and dry as the special outward bound course looks like a success but there are storm clouds on the horizon. Kath learns the dangerous truth about Don Stanforth, her former lover. Penultimate episode (Cee-fax).  
10.15 Real Lives. And The Band Plays On... (Cee-fax) (See Music).  
11.00 International Athletics. The Weltklasse Games. Further coverage of the meeting at Letzigrund stadium in Zurich.  
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## TV-am

- 6.15 Good Morning Britain with Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News at 6.15, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. Sport at 6.59 and 7.37. News features, 7.05, 7.58, 8.05 and 8.43. Guests Guy Mitchell and Susan Seldman, director of the new Madonna film. Also, TV-am celebrates Princess Margaret's birthday. Greening with Roddy Llewellyn, 7.10. Home for the Holidays, with Chris Tarrant at 7.15 and 8.45. Summer fashion with Gyles Brandreth at 8.40. The QWRAS Summer Spectacular with Roland Rat at 8.03.

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- 9.25 Thames News headlines followed by The Little Rascals. Bored of Education (7).  
9.40 Doty Time. Doty potted history with Michael Bettine (7).  
10.05 Fireball XL5. Steve Zodiac investigates Zavis, the ice planet (7).  
10.30 All Summer in a Day. Based on a short story by Ray Bradbury. Somewhere out in space is a world regarded by constant rain - but once every nine years the sun shines.  
10.55 Courageous Cat. Cartoon capers.  
11.05 Home. Truancy in the Australian problem home (7).  
11.30 About Britain. One Week in May. Cyril Fletcher moves on to Gurnsey, where he meets the postman of the St Peter Port Island and a special Dutch immigrant.  
12.00 Storyline. Preview of Children's ITV.  
12.10 Our Backyard. Watery tricks with an old fish tank.  
12.30 Judi Goes on Holiday. Judi Spiers investigates the Victorian origins of the seaside resorts of Western-super-Mare and Weymouth.  
1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News.  
1.30 A Country Practice. Maria Kartez leaves Wandin Valley.  
2.30 Hair. Although Trevor Sorbie is quite happy to be bald, he is free with his advice on how to wear the hair generously covered pads.  
3.00 Take The High Road. Florence alters the Manse routine, while the vexed question of Donald's birthday continues.  
3.25 Thames News headlines.  
3.30 Sons and Daughters. The continuing saga of past mistakes, secrets and loves.  
4.00 The World's Worst. TV presented by Harry and David. Co. Quadruple gold medalist Carl Lewis makes his European appearance this season.  
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RAF bandmen in Real Live, BBC1, 10.15 pm

● This week's *Real Live* documentary, *AND THE BAND PLAYS ON...* (BBC1, 10.15pm) is a tribute to resilience. It just happens to be about a bunch of musicians in the Royal Air Force, but its message is of cosmic significance for anyone who has suffered a great loss - "Grieve - and then get on with the business of living". Six months after 19 musicians in the RAF Band in Germany were burnt to death when their bus was in collision with a fuel tanker, the band is back to full strength again, and Jeanne La Chard and Anne Morrison's film details the painful road back: the fear of getting on a bus again; the empty seats; the overlooking of a fuel tanker on a German motorway; the trying-on of uniforms intended for their dead colleagues; the taking up of instruments by the dead musicians' left behind. I hope I have not made the film sound like an invitation for

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us to shed tears. It has its gritty tummy side, too.  
● **AROUND THE COAST OF CORNWALL** (Radio 4, 8.45pm) is the kind of documentary that threatens to put studio sound-effects men out of business. It is only when we hear real waves breaking over real shingles and the hissing that follows, that we realize there really is no substitute for being on the spot with the actors. Actors? So colourful of phrase are the West Country folk that Tom Salmon meets on his way from Cornwall to Padstow that we would be forgiven for mistaking them for professional performers. Legends, we discover, continue to live happily in the past: the H.C. Gifford of Bude drill his Guardsmen; there is a master potter in Boscawen who can

create a forest in six seconds flat; and Padstow, on May Day, must be the noisiest spot in all Cornwall with its "obby" oss festival. Tonight's sound portrait is the first of six. It is so effective that it will either boost the Cornish tourist trade to undreamed-of levels, or stop people going West because, after following in Mr Salmon's footsteps, they will feel they have already seen and heard all there possibly can be to see and hear.  
● **A DIGANCE INDULGENCE** (Radio 4, 9.30pm) gave me my first taste of the East End minstrel and monologist Richard Digance. It is a good, salty taste and he has given me an appetite for more. His imaginative style is heard at its best in *Widow*, in which hands, might have been a poem of undreamed-of wit: an account of the first Cup Final, giraffes versus gorillas.

Peter Davalle

## BBC 2

- 5.55 Open University Arts. Romanticism. Ends 7.20.  
9.00 Pages from Cee-fax.  
10.25 Cricket. The morning's play from the second semi-final of the NatWest Trophy. (The other semi-final is on BBC1.)  
12.50 Pages from Cee-fax.  
1.20 Cricket. Further coverage of the NatWest Trophy.  
7.30 What a Picture! Morgan Cross shares the photographic memory of Norman Fairing. Philip Archer in Radio 4's *The Archers*. (First shown on BBC Midlands).  
8.00 Wildlife Showcase. Where the Fish Stand in Line. Small fish and shrimp in the coral reefs off the Maldives Islands are known as "cleaner" fish. They can swim between the gills and teeth of predator fish, in particular the feared murmurans, without any danger of being gobbled up. Indeed, the larger fish often queue up for this dental treatment.  
8.30 Dangerous Company. Beau Bridges stars as the life-long prospector who makes good in the 1930s television movie. Ray Johnson spent one month of his life committing crimes and 27 years in prison serving sentences. *Dangerous Company* charts his life from the age of 14 along with that of his accomplice Robin Robinson (Carlos Brown). Given his failure rate, it's just as well that Ray decided to reform.  
10.05 Hardy Goes to... Edinburgh. Russell Hardy with the latest happenings at the Edinburgh Festival.  
10.35 Newsnight. News and analysis. 11.20 Weather.  
11.25 Cricket. Highlights of both of today's NatWest semi-finals.  
12.10 Open University Electronics: A Study in Design. Ends 1.35. Biology. Phenom. Ends 1.05.

## CHANNEL 4

- 2.15 Channel Four Racing from York. 2.30 Singapore Airlines Non Stop. Stakes Hicap. 3.10 Euro-Tote Hicap. 3.45 Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes. 4.15 Great Voltaire Stakes.  
4.30 The Gong Show. The talent show with a difference as a gaggle of unlikely hopefuls try to entertain the celebrity panel, which includes Dionne Warwick. There's a five-year-old George impersonating Mae West; Steve Paradise and his 2,000 custard pies and the two-headed Ben Brothers.  
5.00 Alice. Tommy is given a lesson in fighting that is not well received at school.  
5.30 Silents Please. Clips from the films of Fatty Arbuckle, Keystone Kops, Mack Sennett, Charlie Chaplin and Charlie Chase. Much pie throwing in evidence.  
6.00 The Betty White Show. The saga of an unemployed actress who lands a role in a second rate television cop series. *Undercover Woman*. Tonight, Wilma finds a man of her dreams - Joyce's former husband.  
6.30 Scottish Fiddle Orchestra in Concert. Guests are: Mary Sandeman, Rhona Mackay and James Nicol.  
7.00 Channel Four News.  
7.50 Comment with Cassandra. The world's affairs editor of *Good Housekeeping*.  
8.00 The World - a Television History. The Age of Revolutions 1775-1848. Why were the great monarchies of Austria, Russia, Prussia, Spain and France rent by revolution? How did the British escape the scale of violence that beset the Continent? Robert Powell narrates. The series is based on *The Times Atlas of World History* (Orac).  
8.30 Athletics from Zurich. Steve Cram and Seb Coe are chasing records again.  
9.10 Ashkenazy Plays Beethoven. First of three recitals by the pianist and conductor Vladimir Ashkenazy: Beethoven piano sonatas opus 101 and 106.  
10.00 Lou Grant. Cuddly-hearted Lou incurs public wrath over the Trib's coverage of a local college football scandal. Edward Asner is the hard but kindly occupant of the swivelling editorial hot seat.  
10.55 Berlin Alexanderplatz. Part three: A Hammer Blow to the Head Can Injure the Soul. Franz gives up selling Nazi newspapers and teams up with the "Jude" Otto, who makes a good living as a purveyor of shoe sales. Franz is still determined to avoid any shady deals, but an encounter with a widow leads to bitter disillusionment and despair - the commitments common in all Fassbinder's work.  
12.00 France Tour Retour. Continuing film director Jean-Luc Godard's look at France through the eyes of young children. 12.25 Close.

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